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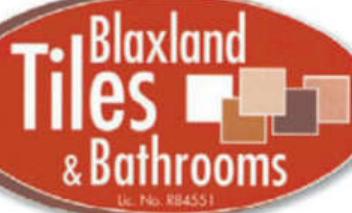
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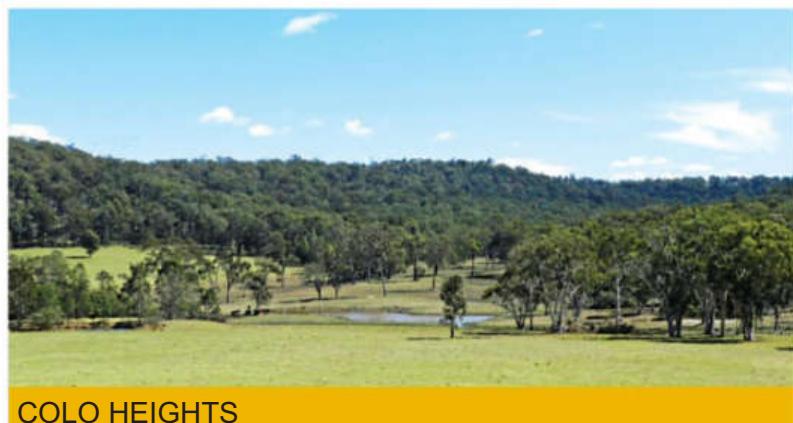
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- The property provides an ample water supply from the 5 dams and the spring fed Tinda and Gibba creeks. The solid sandstone/ brick cottage.
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Privately located, the grounds are usable and are fully irrigated from the river. There is a large tradesmans shed (15m x 12m) which also includes liveable rooms in the mezzanine level.

This property also has a legal right of carriage way to the river and boat ramp. All located only a leisurely 15 minutes' drive to Windsor.

For more information please call Hamish Rogers on 0418 966 224.

It's time to put your garden gloves on

By Lisa Doust, Fitzgerald Swan Real Estate

One of the most magical things about living in the Blue Mountains is observing our spectacular surrounds emerge from winter and quite literally burst into spring. It's a time when local gardens look their absolute best and are admired by visitors from near and far.

It's no secret that, in terms of buying and selling property, a colourful and well-kept garden instantly gives a home greater appeal. Along with providing visual delight, gardens are renowned for offering therapeutic benefits, which falls in line with the fact that people looking to purchase property in the Blue Mountains are generally making a lifestyle choice.

If you love the idea of living on a substantial Blue Mountains block but don't have a great deal of gardening experience, fear not – there are plenty of ways to hone your skills.

It makes sense to start by visiting a couple of local nurseries. The staff are typically friendly and extremely knowledgeable about cool-climate gardens, and can help to identify plants and trees and make suggestions about new plantings. If you are keen to incorporate a degree of sustainability into your everyday life, you can also ask

about the specific fruits, vegetables and herbs that thrive in our ever-changing climate.

It's also worth having an understanding of the plants and trees considered weeds throughout the region. Agapanthus is a good example – this hardy and drought-resistance South African lily may appear attractive, but its seeds wash down waterways, allowing it to spread rapidly and take over native bushland. Blackberry is also highly invasive, and Blue Mountains City Council imposes strict orders on home owners to help keep this aggressive weed under control.

Local garden festivals abound in spring, providing the chance to explore some of the region's most magnificent gardens and chat to people who are absolutely passionate about gardening. Leura Gardens Festival is a great example – it takes place each October and showcases up to 10 of Leura's outstanding private gardens.

Gardening is a thoroughly pleasurable pursuit and often the best approach is to simply have a go and see what works. You'll quickly get a sense of the quality of the soil, which plants grow best and how much mulching and pruning is required. Enjoy!



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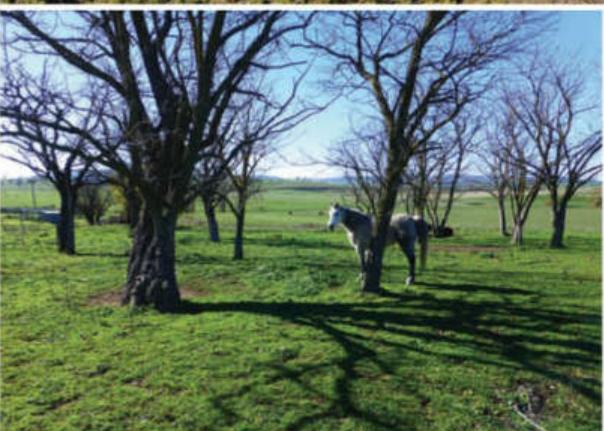
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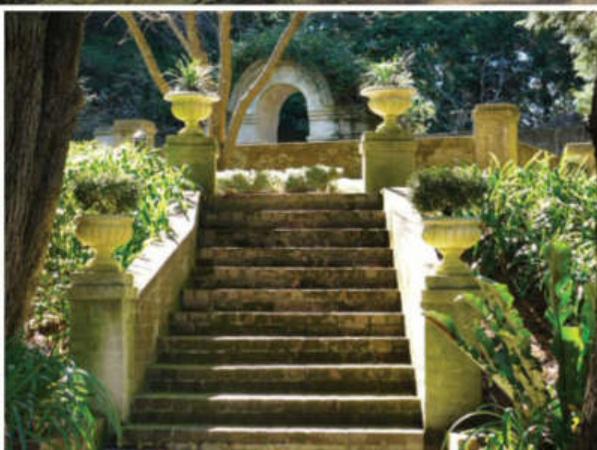
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Fast home rebuild for Dyer family of Yellow Rock

Two days after Jeff and Felicity Dyer of Yellow Rock lost their home in the October 2013 bushfires, they drove down to Penrith looking for a shed and happened to walk into Paal Kit Homes in Emu Plains.

By Christmas the following year, they had moved into their new house.

After seeing Paal's Camden display home, the couple decided instantly that they liked it and didn't bother looking at any other homes. They added a workshop and double garage to the standard design.

"It's a great house. We're very happy with it and wouldn't change a thing," Felicity said.

"In fact, our new home looks similar to the one we lost, a timeless rendered design that was built in 1965."

The fast replacement was helped by the fact that Jeff Dyer and his relatives include carpenters and builders. "Four Dyers worked on the home

– Jeff, his brother Greg, and his two nephews Drew and Kurt Dyer – so it was a family effort."

Buying a kit home with all the materials supplied also made for a trouble-free rebuild, she said.

"The Camden is quite a big house, but everything was straightforward and went very smoothly, once we had the slab laid. We used trades help, including a roofer and a renderer recommended by Paal, and they were all good."

Felicity and Jeff lost more than 30 years of possessions and memories. They lived with family in nearby Winmalee while they rebuilt their lives.

"Losing a home is traumatic. It definitely helped our recovery that we are in our new home so quickly and that the rebuild went so smoothly. Not everybody around us is so lucky," she said.

Visit the Paal Camden Display Home, 113-115 Russell Street, Emu Plains, Open 7 days.



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t's that time of the year and many local councils have held the elections to determine who will best represent them and their region.

Lithgow, Orange and the Hawkesbury have all re-elected their previous mayors thanks in part to their strong work in their communities.

It is easy to criticise local government yet many councillors apply and win their positions because of their love for the district.

This desire to help better their region has seen, for example, regions such as Lithgow build its first heated indoor swimming pool.

Another initiative includes developing plans for the future redevelopment of Springwood Library.

The current library no longer meets the needs of the community due to its limited physical size and lack of technological infrastructure, media and other facilities.

So while its easy to criticise local government and their members, spare a thought for some of the good work they also do.



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Blue Mountains

Local Heritage

Blue Mountains City Council is continuing its efforts to support the restoration of local heritage properties and invites applications for the 2015-16 Local Heritage Places Fund Grant to assist owners of heritage listed places to carry out sympathetic repairs or restorations.

This year's Local Heritage Places Fund will target façade restoration works for heritage listed buildings or buildings of heritage significance along Katoomba Street however other properties of significance within the Central Katoomba Urban Conservation Area may be considered.

Support Community

Registered clubs in the Blue Mountains are helping their local community with over \$32,000 worth of funding to support 16 priority projects in the Blue Mountains.

This year, three local clubs, Springwood Sports Club, Glenbrook Panthers and Katoomba RSL were involved in the ClubGRANTS scheme.

The event took place at Springwood Sports Club where club representatives presented the successful organisations with the grants funding, enabling them to deliver these important projects.

Support from Springwood Sports Club will assist in affordable speech pathology testing and therapy for children including those with special needs.

Glenbrook Panthers ClubGRANTS projects include a music therapy program to deliver a community music engagement program for older

Australians and urgently needed repairs to a creative space used by many members of the community.

Katoomba RSL grants include a kitchen program for children and families to prepare, share and learn about food, an art exhibition featuring the works of people with disabilities and assistance for families who have a child undergoing treatment for childhood heart disease.

Youth Empowered

Blue Mountains Youth Councillors are now further empowered to inspire and support our local youth following their attendance at the 2015 NSW Youth Council Conference recently.

Hosted by the Eurobodalla Youth Committee, the successful conference was attended by 130 young people from various rural and city councils in NSW - all set on the stunning coast of the Bateman's Bay region. Youth listened to inspirational guest speakers and discussed the needs of young people in their own communities. The theme for the conference was 'Create, Collaborate, Change'.

Seven Blue Mountains conference delegates - Lem Appel, Grace Faulder, Joey Jones-Romeo, Ruby Moria, Paul Mukhin, Sasha Titovs, and Brodie Wylde - developed their capacity to facilitate change in their communities; listened to the experiences of others already making changes, learned how to start community projects, and increased their knowledge about available resources.

These Youth Councillors will now share their knowledge with the other Blue Mountains Youth Councillors to enable the success of their future projects, with a focus on the local environment, social justice issues, and public art.

Blue Mountains Youth Councillor and conference delegate, Brodie Wylde, said, "An important part of working with our local youth is to create a sense of belonging, feel supported, feel safe and have fun together.

We are setting up practical and inclusive ways to do this so that we can all get together, do great activities, plus introduce improvements for the youth

of the Blue Mountains."

Mayor, Cr Mark Greenhill, said, "I am excited and encouraged by the energy and vision of the new Blue Mountains Youth Council.

I have no doubt their efforts will build on their predecessors and create positive change for young people in our City."

Master Plan

Blue Mountains City Council has begun the community consultation phase of the Blackheath town centre master planning process and is inviting the community to get involved.

Master plans are an important component in setting a suitable planning framework for the look, feel, vitality, viability, sustainability and accessibility of towns and villages in the City. It will help guide the prioritisation of capital works spending in Blackheath over the next 15-20 years.

This workshop is held at an early stage of the master planning process to provide an opportunity for the community to share their ideas and views with Council relating to town centre character and function. There will be lots of information available and Council staff and project consultants will be available on the day to help answer any questions and to record community comments.

Community feedback will be considered in the next step of the master planning process, to development a Concept Masterplan which will be the subject of a second workshop in early December.

Timor Kids

The challenge of building a school in the remote highlands of Timor-Leste (East Timor) is made even harder when you have to build a road first to get there.

Blue Mountains City Council, at its meeting last week, expressed its thanks to local resident, Jenny Coles, General Manager of the Office of Kirsty Sword Gusmao, for her work in overseeing the development of the new primary school in Taurema, Hatobuilico.

The school was identified as a local priority by the Taurema community as their young children had to walk for three hours a day to go to school. But first, they needed to upgrade the road from Hatobuilico to Taurema so that trucks could carry in the building supplies.

Taurema is one of three villages in the district of Hatobuilico, situated at the foot of Mount Ramelau, Timor-Leste's highest and sacred mountain.

Mountain Stories

It's no surprise that the Blue Mountains are a source of story writing inspiration. For some time Blue Mountains City Library has aimed to provide a range of services to foster local writing and is now very pleased to extend this to a brand new series of all-day creative writing workshops, Mountains of Stories, for aspiring writers.

The workshops offer different approaches to the writing process and those who are really keen would certainly benefit from giving more than one a try as they are guaranteed to learn different tips, tricks and techniques from each session. The workshop will be held on Oct 17 at Springwood Library.

Bathurst

'Ignite the Night'

Mayor of Bathurst Cr Gary Rush is encouraging local businesses to take part in revamped 'Ignite the Night' Window Display Competition, as part of the Bicentenary Race Festival from 2 October to 18 October.

The Bicentenary Race Festival and the Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000 is fast approaching and the city will soon be decked out in race week

attire.

Cr Rush said the display will run over two weeks to take in both race week and Illuminate Bathurst, capturing the race week spirit in Bathurst.

"The window display competition promotes the festive atmosphere of race week and is a great way for Bathurst's businesses to join in the festivities.

"The race brings thousands of visitors to the city and it is a perfect opportunity to showcase the diversity and vibrancy of our retail sector," Cr Rush said.

The People's Choice award is determined by the residents of Bathurst, who can vote on the Bathurst200 Facebook page or in-store.

Competition entry is free, and those who participate are supplied with a display pack to incorporate into their design including a Bicentenary Race Festival poster, a Supercheap Auto countdown poster and a Bathurst 1000 poster.

Winners will be announced Tuesday, 6 October 2015. The People's Choice will be announced on the 16 October.

Wish Upon a Square

Bathurst's Town Square is the heart of the community, and a new Bathurst Regional Council led campaign, Wish Upon a Square, aims to capture the community's vision for the future of the historic precinct.

An exhibition hosted by the Bathurst Town Square Group which traces the evolution of the Bathurst Town Square provides Council with an opportunity to share information about its TAFE precinct Conservation Management Plan (CMP) and the Town Square.

Mayor of Bathurst Cr Gary Rush said Council recognises and values the importance of the history and heritage significance of the former TAFE site.

"The CMP for the TAFE site aims to guide the future of the site in heritage terms. It outlines a range of management policies for the Bathurst Town Square generally, and the TAFE site specifically.

"The continued evolution of Bathurst's Town Square is a long term project for Council, and one that requires an ongoing conversation with the community. The work of the Bathurst Town Square group to date in capturing the history of this precinct is commendable and has provided valuable input in the TAFE site CMP.

"Council values the historic nature of both the former TAFE site and the Town Square and wants to ensure that any future plans for this precinct best capture the desires of the community.

The exhibition Evolution: The Changing Face of our Bathurst Town Square will be open to the public from September 4 until November 30.



Ignite the Night

Project Complete

Bathurst Regional Council's \$5 million Manganese Removal Project at the Water Filtration Plant has been completed.

Mayor of Bathurst Cr Gary Rush said the project will result in improved water quality for the city's residents.

"The project is the biggest capital works program at the plant in 20 years and is designed to remove the manganese at the Water Filtration Plant before the water is released into the network."

"The project has been four years in the making, and construction officially started on site one year ago, during Local Government Week. We have installed state-of-the art technology to treat the city's naturally manganese-rich water supply and prevent further manganese from entering the water network."

Local engineering firm Eodo Pty Ltd completed the work on behalf of Council.

Hawkesbury

Bright Idea

Hawkesbury City Council has joined forces with eight other Western Sydney councils to reduce energy costs and consumption by replacing old and inefficient street lights as part of the largest street lighting replacement project ever conducted in NSW.

The Light Years Ahead project is coordinated by the Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC) which has brought together nine of their member councils to participate.

Approximately 13,000 street lights will be replaced with LED lighting in the nine local government areas of Hawkesbury, Parramatta, Blacktown, Blue Mountains, Fairfield, The Hills, Holroyd, Liverpool and Penrith.

Inefficient, old mercury vapour lights will be removed and new energy efficient LED lights installed. LEDs are cheaper and more sustainable to run and its estimated councils will save \$21 million over 20 years at current electricity prices.

St Albans

A new interpretive sign stands proudly at St Albans Park, much to the delight of the local St Albans community who gathered there recently for the sign's unveiling and to enjoy a BBQ celebration together.

The Mayor of Hawkesbury, Councillor Kim Ford praised the initiative as "a great example of community partnership with Hawkesbury City Council".

"The design involved community consultation and valuable input from the St Albans community," Councillor Ford said.

"On behalf of the whole community, I extend my thanks to everyone involved in caring for this beautiful park and my congratulations to the St Albans Village Weed Wackers and the Macdonald Valley Association."

Lithgow

Halloween

Primary school children were invited to join Ludwina Roebuck at the gardens at Eskbank House to create Vampire Scarecrows for the 2015 Lithgow Halloween Festival. With fangs, decorations and flowing capes, the scarecrows will feature in the Lithgow Halloween Festival on 31 October 2015.

For the those aged 12 to 25 years, the team at Eskbank House and Museum have designed the Create a Vampire Project. From 9.00am – 4.00pm on Saturday 3 October 2015 you can create a personalised vampire cloak with Bess Elwell-Cook and learn vampire make up, cat walk and drama skills with Catherine Lockley. You can then exhibit your new



Solar Power



St Albans Park

skills by modelling in the Eskbank Halloween Fashion Show on Friday 24 October and performing at the Lithgow Halloween Festival.

Both workshops are free, but places are limited so please book quickly.

Springvale Mine Gets The OK

After a very extensive process and two Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) hearings approval has finally been given by the NSW PAC to the Springvale Mine Project Extension application.

"This has been a difficult period for the Lithgow community" said Lithgow City Council Mayor, Councillor Maree Statham "fortunately we now have approval from the NSW Planning Assessment Commission for the extension of the Springvale Mine by renewing its current planning consent. This is terrific news for our community."

"With the unanimous support from Council for the project representations have been persistently made to the local members and also to numerous government ministers. Unfortunately the process is not yet over and approval is now required from the Federal Government, but I am very hopeful that this will be dealt with expediently and positively."



Lithgow Volunteers at Eskbank House, Fred, Ben and Ed.



Cr John Davis

Seeking Volunteers

The team at Eskbank House is seeking new volunteers to assist with tour guiding, events, art exhibiting and to undertake conservation, cataloguing and research projects.

Built in 1842 by Alexander Binning for Thomas Brown, Eskbank House has been at the heart of Lithgow's history, including the mining and iron industries, for most of its life.

In 1966 it was opened as one of the first house museums in NSW. Now managed by Lithgow City Council, the site contains a museum and art gallery and hosts events in its picturesque gardens.

The museum is operated by volunteers managed by the Council's Cultural Development Officer.

As exhibitions, events and museum projects grow, the team is finding it needs more members. Volunteers need to have basic administration, record keeping, computing and office skills, customer service skills and be able to work in a team.

If you would like to find out more about volunteering at Eskbank House and Museum call Wendy Hawkes on 6354 9999.

Orange

Road Upgrade

Orange City Council has unveiled a list of major road projects to be tackled during the coming months.

Orange City Council's Infrastructure Committee chair Cr Glenn Taylor said the council has heard the strong response of the Orange community to the state of local roads.

"There's a recognition that we had to do more about the state of local roads in the council budget this year. The planned total spend on roads has risen to \$6 million during this financial year," Cr Glenn Taylor said.

"Because of our climate, the local community understands that there's a limited window of clear weather when there's time to tackle the major projects. This list of projects has been closely prepared and I'm pleased to be letting the community know, some of the key projects on the list." includes hot-mix asphalt re-surfacing on these roads:

- Northern Bypass – from Burrendong Way intersection west for half a kilometre
- Northern Bypass – Leeds Parade to Astil Drive
- Re-surfacing Byng street / Peisley Street Roundabout
- Byng Street - Lords Place to Sale Street
- Hill Street – Benview to Matthews Avenue
- Coronation Drive – Pirinari to Ploughmans Lane

Strong Response

There's been a strong response to calls for Orange residents to join in a new trial aimed at discovering whether or not the community can move to a fortnightly red-bin collection.

The council is considering switching from a weekly red-bin collection to a fortnightly red-bin collection when the new waste contract begins in April next year.

Orange City Council's Environmental; Sustainability Committee chair Cr Neil Jones said he's encouraged that already around eighty households have already signed up online to join the trial and he's hoping more will join in.

"There was a strong initial reaction to the proposed change and now the dust has settled, this trial will be a good opportunity to see if the change can work for Orange residents," Cr Neil Jones said

Council Elections

Cr John Davis has been re-elected as Mayor of Orange, to serve for the next twelve months alongside deputy mayor Cr Cris Gryllis.

Cr Davis was elected mayor in a ballot against Cr Scott Munro

Cr Gryllis was re-elected deputy mayor after a ballot with Cr Duffy and Cr Scott Munro.

Tonight's meeting also saw the election of the six chairs of the council key policy committees.

The results are :

- Infrastructure Committee Cr Glenn Taylor
- Employment & Economic Development Committee Cr Jeff Whitton
- Sport & Recreation Committee Cr Jason Hamling
- Environmental Sustainability Committee Cr Neil Jones
- Services Committee Cr Ron Gander
- Planning & Development Committee Cr Russell Turner
- Finance Committee CR Kevon Duffy

RFS Headquarters

Orange City Council's bid to make Orange the new location for the Rural Fire Service headquarters, if the facility is re-located from Lidcombe in Sydney, is being considered by the NSW Government.

Spring Magic

The magic of spring is on show at Mayfield Garden near Oberon.

One of the world's largest privately owned cool climate gardens, Mayfield Garden is home to a stunning water and stone feature garden, the Water Garden, along with the Nursery and the Kitchen Café - all open daily from 9am.

Just beyond the Water Garden sits the Private Garden that opens to visitors each autumn and spring during special Open Days.

In its entirety Mayfield Garden extends across over 160 acres (64H), and is located just 15kms from Oberon in the Central Tablelands – an easy drive on sealed roads with beautiful scenery along the way.

Imagine spring in a garden of this scale – it is breathtaking. Blossoms, vibrant colours and lush growth as far as the eye can see. Follies and features abound: a croquet court, rose arbour, walled kitchen garden and sunken garden rooms, a birchgrove, stone bridges, nut tree terraces, cut flower garden and creek garden. There is much to see and one day doesn't seem enough time with which to experience it all.

This year during the Private Garden Spring Open Days, from 17th October to 1st November, visitors will have the first glimpse inside Mayfield Grotto, an incredible stone feature that has been years in the making.

The grotto is a quiet reflective pause, bridging movement between the Water Garden and the Private Garden. For ticket prices and event details: www.mayfieldgarden.com.au ♦



Millthorpe Garden Ramble

The historic Village of Millthorpe hosts its 11th Annual Garden Ramble.

Each year the crowd has become progressively larger with the Ramble Committee expecting up to 3000 visitors over the weekend of 31 October and 1 November.

There will be 10 gardens on offer to Ramblers. These include established gardens and recently created ones at a variety of locations. Some in the village, some small acreage or working properties. ♦

Date: 31 October - 01 November

Venue: Various, visit the Orange Tourism Centre for details

Rhododendron Festival

During the Annual Rhododendron Festival the Blackheath village comes alive with floral displays, the Annual Art Show, roof bolting, coal shovelling, and outdoor entertainment. The Grand Parade will take place on the first Saturday in November.

The Official Opening will take place at the New Ivanhoe Hotel and the Annual Art Show will be held at the Blackheath Community Centre. All items are for sale, with over 300 exhibits including traditional and contemporary works. The event runs from Friday 23 October to Monday 30 November. ♦

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Fiona Lumsden

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Date: Saturday 5 September - Sunday 18 October 2015, Time: 9.30am - 4.30pm, Cost: Free entry

Where: Visitor Centre, Blue Mountains Botanic Garden, Mount Tomah



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A Huge Success

Hawkesbury Community Nursery and Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter were open to the public to celebrate National Tree Day.

Hawkesbury Community Nursery gave away 1,056 native plants as part of National Tree Day. Some 528 people attended, with plants given away to 258 families.

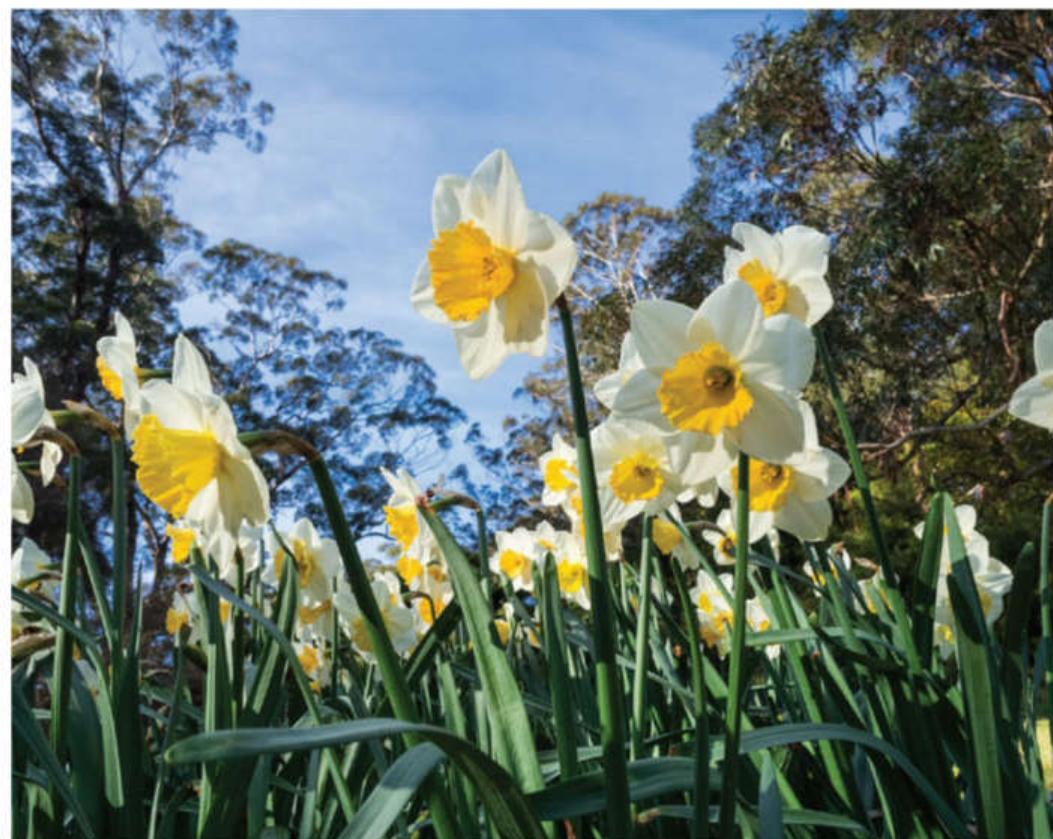
The Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter's open day was held in conjunction with the National Tree Day plant giveaway. Over 500 people attended the open day enjoying the animal inspired stalls and activities.

The open day provided the opportunity for animals to return to visit the Shelter and for owners to update the staff on their pets new lives, in their new homes. ♦



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Oberon and Villages Spring Festival

Come and visit an abundance of beautiful open gardens this Spring in the Oberon region. The Rotary Club of Oberon presents Daffodil Dawdle where you can view seven large country gardens in Oberon and surrounds.

Oberon Garden Club will once again host six Open Gardens in the region, most of which have never been open to the public before. The event will be held on Saturday 17 October to Sunday 01 November. ♦

Bathurst Spring Spectacular

Bathurst Spring Garden Spectacular – visit 11 spring gardens in and around Bathurst, from formal town gardens to historic and large country gardens. Proceeds will go to local charities. ♦

Date: 31 October - 01 November

Venue: Various, visit the Bathurst Tourism Centre for details

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Left: Lisa Waller 'I'm your fan' Wool and Felt 2011 40 x 30 x 30cm. Image the Alice Springs Beanie Festival. Center: Julie Paterson, Cloth: From Seeds to Bloom. Photo courtesy Armelle Habbib. Right: Louise Kerr Yellow Dogs 2015. Hand sewn soft sculpture - coiled twine sewn with cotton and paint. Courtesy the artist and King Street Gallery Sydney.

A triple treat for textile-lovers comes to Hawkesbury

Three fibre-textile themed exhibitions open at Hawkesbury Regional Gallery in Windsor on 9 October, featuring work by two Blue Mountains artists and a number from far-away Alice Springs, home of the popular Alice Springs Beanie Festival. The third touring Beanie Festival is expected to be just as popular as the previous two.

Complementing the Beanie Festival is Cloth: From Seeds to Bloom, which features contemporary textiles designed and produced by

Blackheath-based designer, Julie Paterson.

Louise Kerr's work is different again, and for this exhibition, Louise has been looking at dogs, both from wild and remote landscapes on the one hand, and the domestic canine habitat on the other.

When: 9 Oct - 29 Nov

Where: Deerubbin Centre (1st floor) 300 George Street Windsor

Open: Mon, Wed-Fri 10am - 4pm. Closed Tuesdays. Weekends 10am - 3pm.



Blues

The first band line up has been announced for this year's Sydney Blues and Roots Festival proudly sponsored by Hawkesbury City Council.

International and Australian artists will hit the stage at this year's Sydney Blues and Roots Festival and if the first announcement is anything to go by, this year's Festival will be one of the biggest yet.

The Festival, to be held from 22 to 25 October in Windsor

Banaras Backs

Bathurst Health Service will host the latest photographic exhibition by high profile Australian artist Terry Burrows from September 4 to November 29 this year. Banaras Backs is an exhibition of large scale, colour photographic prints that have been selected from the complete series of 1008 images of the backs of subjects staring out onto the Ganges at Varanasi, one of India's most revered Hindu sites.

Terry Burrows: Backs of Banaras; 4 September to 30 November 2015 at the Bathurst Health Service.



'Sea Treasures-Norman Lindsay and his passion for the Sea'

Norman Lindsay is mostly remembered for his sumptuous nudes, Bulletin cartoons, and his classic Australian children's story *The Magic Pudding*. What most people don't know is that he also painted, drew and made an armada of ship models!

Modelling ships was a diversion for Lindsay from the serious business of painting. During his long career, Lindsay is known to have made 14 ship models from every era of shipping, and 11 of these are on display at the Norman Lindsay Gallery in the current exhibition.

The new exhibition *Sea Treasures* will be on display at the Norman Lindsay Gallery until January 2016.



Kedumba Drawing

For the first time in its 26-year history, the Kedumba Drawing Award will be judged at the Orange Regional Gallery.

The annual award has showcased some of Australia's most eminent artists during its long history, and this year includes drawings by 21 of the most accomplished emerging artists working today.

Orange City Council's Services Policy Committee Chair Cr Ron Gander believes hosting the award is a major coup for the Gallery and the city.

The Kedumba Drawing Award 2015 is on display at Orange Regional Gallery until the 15 November.



Memorial Landscape of Blood, Bone and Tin

Artist Statement : Leo Robba

It is my belief that, individually we spend our lives searching for some kind of meaning, whether it is from within our relationships, or from faith, or from art. Ultimately, in the end, this search for meaning brings us to the two words that are inextricably bound, life and death.

Gallipoli, it's history, its present and its future, are of life and death.

More and more artists are asked to write about their work and for many of us it is difficult to express what we do, how we feel and the way we work without sounding melodramatic, trite or pretentious. Words like 'place' and 'connection' are easy to write by when confronted by 'this place ... Gallipoli', everything just fell away.

I felt terribly insignificant and I wondered about my right to even be there.

On a personal level the experience of travelling to Turkey and Gallipoli and the opportunity to paint such a place is something I will never forget.

My cigarette tin paintings are my attempt to grapple with the history and the harsh realities of war and to link the memorial gardens and Gallipoli's landscape of today with those who died. Small artefacts from the past containing depictions of the now verdant landscape, of blood and bone of the fallen.

Exhibition of recent paintings

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Wedding Day

The Feathers, Furs and Wedding Dresses exhibition on show at Eskbank House and Museum last month has revealed some interesting and historic items not to be missed.

"What fascinating stories are hidden away in the Eskbank House storeroom," said Lithgow City Council Mayor Maree Statham. "It is amazing to see the animal furs, feather fans and all the children's clothing, but for me, Ida Grey's wedding gown is truly the star of this exhibition."

The exhibition featured a variety of clothing, accessories and other textiles from the Eskbank House collection. Along with the beautiful and delicate children's, women's and men's clothing, was an unusual collection of fur and feather items that show the glamourous side of life in Lithgow.

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Image: Julie Paterson - Cloth: From Seeds to Bloom

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Shane and Tessa at Yarabee
with the Hillbilly Cider
truck, hand painted by
local artist Sam Mosely

Hillbilly Cider is fast becoming an iconic brand in the Hawkesbury and Blue Mountains regions but owners Shane and Tessa McLaughlin say it almost happened by accident. When they moved to Bilpin in 2007, it was the country lifestyle that attracted them. But having already established and managed the family vineyard in Nyngan, Shane began playing around with making batches of apple cider. "When we moved out here we weren't thinking cider,"

Shane explains but the apples were surrounding them and it was as if it was meant to be. Soon he was digging out a cellar under the house (by hand!). "Shane had test ferments going all over the house" Tessa explains and before they knew it, Shane and Tessa were developing the cider and building relationships with local apple growers. Now their logo can be seen in most cafés, bars and restaurants throughout the Hawkesbury and Blue Mountains regions and in many Sydney venues.

Even the critics seem to like it, awarding Hillbilly Pear Cider the 2014 Australian Cider 'Best in class', silver for the Hillbilly Apple Cider and many other awards over the years.

Shane has spent time in the UK and France, travelling around to see what other cider makers were doing and to learn the history and tradition behind the popular drink. "I wanted to get a bit of historical knowledge," he says. "When you visit other producers I believe that it's very important to take little bits and pieces and then give it your own flare and personality, not just emulate what they're doing." Australian ciders are very different to the European variety, Shane discovered and having worked to perfect his own hand crafted cider, the Hillbilly fermentation process takes around 6 weeks. "Every batch is different," he explains. "Especially with the pears. I had a pear cider that took 91 days to ferment. It just shows that when you are working with fresh fruit you need to work differently with each batch and nurture it through as opposed to commercial makers who have a set process which is usually 6 days."

Farming has been in Shane's family since his great grandfather began



Shane tests the pear cider

growing wheat in the 1880s on the family's 30,000 acre sheep station in Nyngan. Growing up on the property, Shane worked on the farm until age 26 when he came home with a grand, new idea for the farm. "Agriculture was struggling because of the drought, so we needed to diversify," he explains. Shane and his family began planting a vineyard and in 1997, Canonbah Bridge Wines was launched. The family label is now sold all over the world and though his dad primarily cares for the vineyard these days, the McLaughlins are regularly at the farm, especially during pruning and harvest times.

These days the McLaughlins have two daughters; 5 year old Leander and Cleo who is 4. The family spends most weekends travelling to markets where the girls often set up their own stall, selling their lovingly made paintings. Leander is proud that she now has her own cash register and the budding artist recently sold a piece to winner of the 2013 Packing

Room Prize, Mathew Lynn! It seems she has inherited some of the charisma which has fuelled the success of her parents' business. It is this charisma which draws them to markets all over the region, where they are able to get to know their customers. And locals are clearly proud of the range. Shane and Tessa remember a lady visiting their stall at the Glenbrook Markets to buy some cider for her family's Christmas celebrations. "I'm taking this to Mosman to show all my relatives how good we are in the mountains!" she told them. Another customer contacted Shane and Tessa and explained that her father, an avid Hillbilly Cider fan, was turning 80 and she wanted to be able to give him a box full of Hillbilly Cider and products.

Hillbilly Cider is proud of its mountain locality and features fruit from the Bilpin area. "We're really excited to be using the 'Julie' apple, which was discovered by Bill Shields," Tessa explains. Found by accident, the Julie (named after Bill's wife) was a cross pollination found growing outside his shed. "It was a chance seedling," Shane explains, which probably began as a core thrown out a passer-by's car window. "There was a 1 in 100,000 chance that it was edible." Bill cultivated the plant and its fruit turned out to be a beautiful red apple variety whose closest relative is the Fuji. "It's the sweetest apple around by a long way," Shane says. "It's a mid-season, so it's high in sugar because it was created in Bilpin, so is suited to the climate." The couple's latest release is a limited edition Vintage 2014 cider made purely from two Bilpin orchards; Tadrosse Orchard and Shields Orchard. "It's made from a small batch of apples right at the end of the 2014 season and double fermented in French oak," Tessa says.

As well as being a celebration of people and the area, Hillbilly Cider is proud of being completely natural, a value which Shane sees as being important these days. "People care about the provenance of what they eat and the values of the companies they buy from," he says. "Our cider is the opposite of a big company mass produced product and that's what appeals to our Hillbilly fans!"

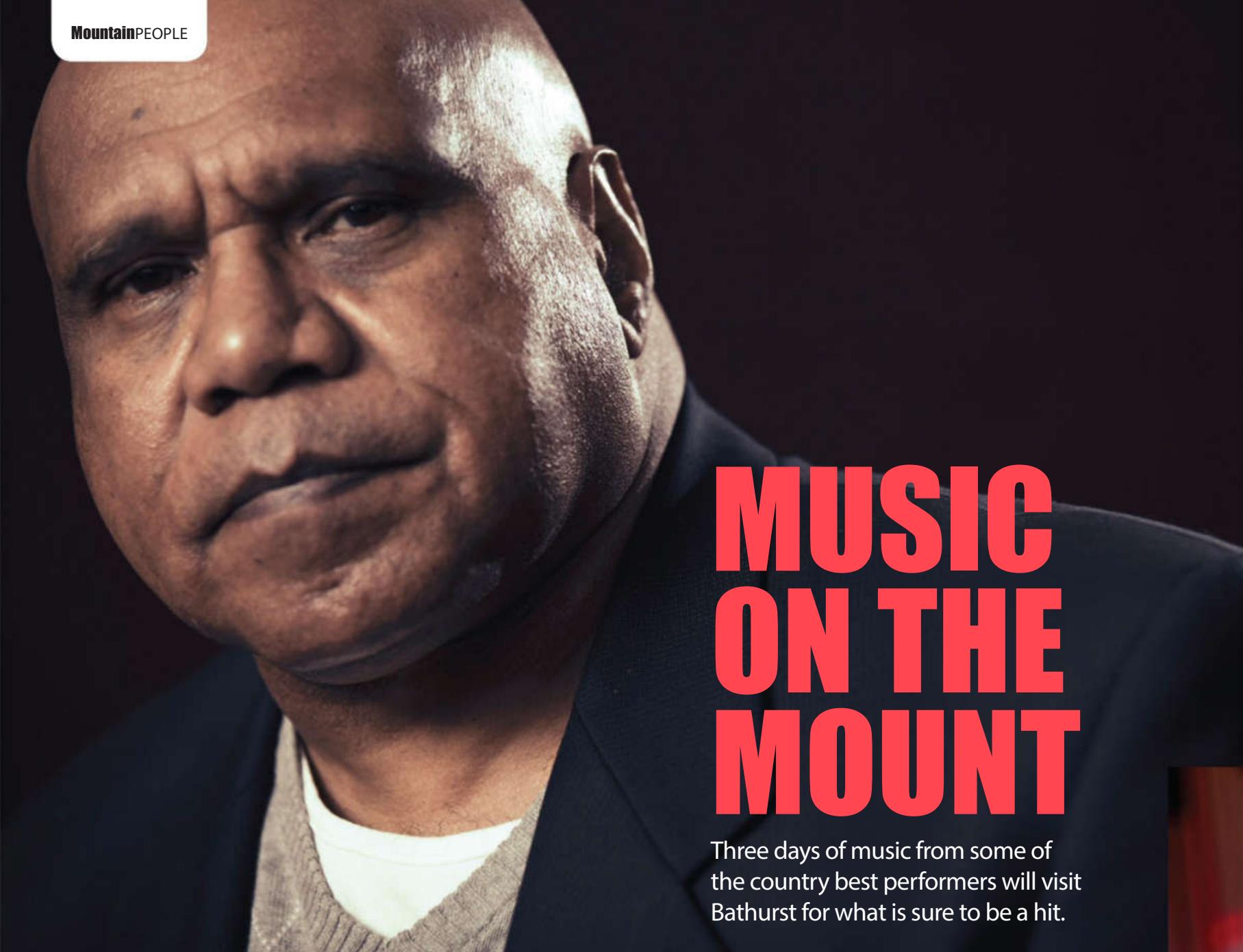
This celebration of natural and original continues in their home, built by local resident Peter Shaw, which was constructed back in the days when aged, discarded materials could be swapped for a carton of beer or \$30 here and there. 'Yarabee' features sandstone blocks from an old wing of the RPA, beams from the convict built Goldsbrough Mort Woolstore, a huge fireplace which used to serve as a blacksmith's kiln and parquetry flooring from the old Manly Ballroom. The roof of the home holds 30 tonnes of gravel, providing year round insulation and acting as an oversized garden bed. The established gardens were created to be self-sustaining and the overall effect is somewhat tranquil; almost like a rainforest, tucked in among the mountains and perched alongside a dam complete with wooden jetty and bridge.

All this came close to being lost in the October 2013 bushfires which crowned just 50 metres away from Yarabee. On that terrible day, Shane had gone home for a rest after working double RFS shifts. At around 2pm he awoke with an uneasy feeling, to see the fire crowning just across from the family home. With no electricity or mobile reception, Shane planned to stay and fight, taking refuge under a dinghy in the dam if need be. Fortunately a TV crew drove down the driveway at just the right time and was able to send for help. After the fires had passed, the Bilpin RFS enjoyed some non-alcoholic Hillbilly cider while swapping stories of the day.

Creating something unique to a region, which locals can be proud of, and which helps bring people of all ages together is special. And to be able to do it in a way which embraces the farmers who worked to provide the produce is typical of mountain living. Less about cider and more about the community, Tessa and Shane can be proud of what they have achieved. ♦

The McLaughlins on the jetty with Frank, the family pet and the dinghy which was his backup plan during the fires





MUSIC ON THE MOUNT

Three days of music from some of the country best performers will visit Bathurst for what is sure to be a hit.

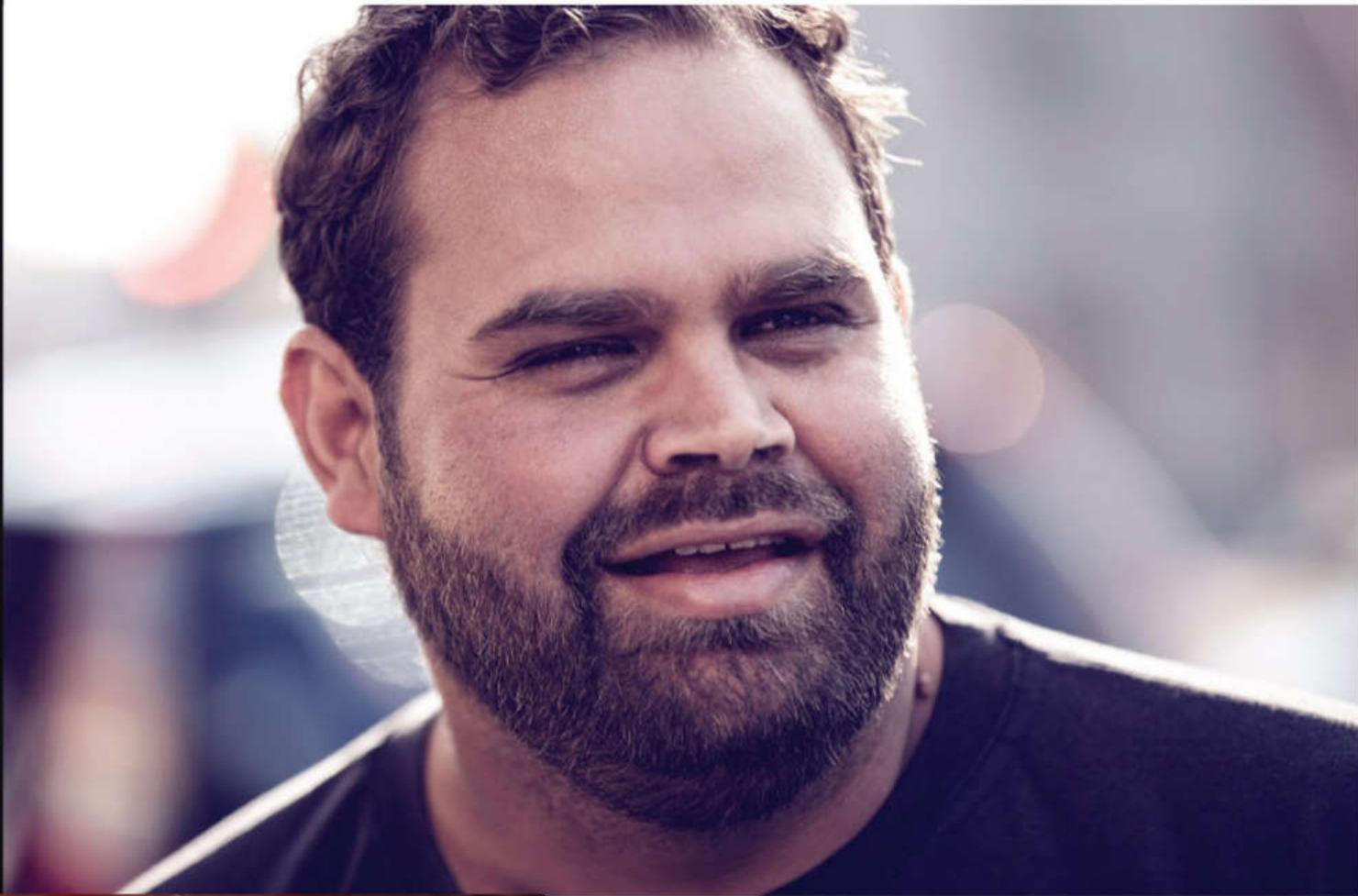
Bathurst has played host to the Inland Sea of Sound Festival since 2010 and this year the three day music festival will be held on iconic Mount Panorma Wahluu. The festival will feature a Wiradyuri Welcome to Country followed by three days of exceptional music from leading local, national and international musicians encompassing a broad range of musical styles all accompanied by local food and wine.

Headlining the festival is Australia's most beloved, respected and admired Aboriginal artists Archie Roach and his band. A singer, songwriter, storyteller and guitarist, Archie survived a turbulent upbringing to develop into a powerful voice for Indigenous Australians, a storyteller in the tradition of his ancestors, and a nationally popular and respected artist. Born at Framlingham Aboriginal mission in South Western Victoria, Archie was forcibly removed from his family as part of the Stolen Generation of Aboriginal children. This heartbreakingly told in Archie's much loved song Took The Children Away. Archie's life journey, from institutions to homelessness and alcoholism, has fuelled a life of prolific song writing. His albums have won many awards; his debut album Charcoal Lane was the first time a songwriter was a recipient of the national Human Rights award, while also achieving gold status in Australia. Archie has toured, collaborated and performed with artists including Paul Kelly, Billy Bragg, Tracy Chapman, Bob Dylan and Patti Smith. Archie lost his life partner and collaborator Ruby Hunter in 2010. Theirs was one of the great romances and creative partnerships, and

their songs are deeply loved in the Aboriginal community. His song Took the Children Away was added to the National Film and Sound Archive's Sounds of Australia registry in 2013. Also in 2013 he won a Deadly Award for Lifetime Contribution to Healing the Stolen Generations as well as for Album of the Year. This year, Archie was honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours list, as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM), for services to music as a singer-songwriter, guitarist and a prominent supporter of social justice.

Also performing will be folk favourites Kate Fagan and Jason Walker. Kate is a poet and musician who comes from a family of folk singers and is strongly influenced by traditional ballads. Kate has said that, whether she writes songs or poems, she feels the same need to create a lyrical work, and that, to her, "lyricism is a heightened awareness of the music of relations between things". She has published numerous poems in journals and several collections. It has been said of her poetry that it is characterised by a fractured language which incorporates the variety of everyday experience, and reflects the way the mind uses language to assimilate that experience. Jason Walker, a stalwart of blues and roots festivals nationwide has earned accolades for his albums Ashes and Wine, the captivating, blurry Ceiling Sun Letters.

Nancy Bates and Robert K Champion will also take to the stage at this year's Inland Sea of Sound Festival bringing with them their own unique sound and vibe. Nancy Bates is a Barkindji woman from Far Western



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New South Wales who is fast becoming part of the national Aboriginal music community having completed a 2012 season as a member of Archie Roach's Into the Bloodstream Gospel Choir and many solo gigs to great acclaim since. Robert, a Gubrun, Kokatha and Mirning man, is an accomplished musician who has created his own genre of music – ballodic music – a combination of country ballads and melodic songs. Within this genre, Robert has become well known as a beautiful composer of haunting guitar music and moving vocals.

Bringing their hefty swag of alternative country music will be Rory Ellis and Andrew Toner. Rory is known as a highly charismatic songwriter with six nationally and internationally acclaimed albums, and a voice that will command the hair on your arms to stand up. Rory performs songs honed in hard miles, often upbeat, heartfelt, humorous, and always with a great story behind them. Andrew is one of Australia's upcoming maestros, majoring as an instrumentalist on guitar. He has been playing since the age of 4 and has over 28 years' experience in a diversity of styles, ranging from jazz to blues, bluegrass, flamenco, rock, country, Latin and middle eastern music.

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Andrew Robson divides his time between his own group, The World According to James, a quartet with trombonist James Greening and the award winning world music group, the Mara Ensemble as well as myriad other performance, touring, recording engagements. In Australia, Andrew has performed and recorded with some of our most well-known and celebrated talent including Mike Nock, Ten Part Invention, James Morrison, Barney McAll, The Catholics, Sandy Evans Group, The Umbrellas, The World According to James, Clarion Fracture Zone, Lilly Dior, Tree, James Muller, Wanderlust, Vince Jones, Monica Trapaga, Ed Kuepper, the Mighty Reapers, Marcia Hines, Tim Finn, You am I, Renee Geyer and The Whitlams. He has also appeared with touring American artists Terry Evans, Cornell Dupree and Jon "King" Cleary.

Performing with his own trio, Victor Valdes; a virtuoso Mexican harpist, is also walking encyclopaedia of Latin music past and present who has redefined the harp as a solo and lead instrument in a multitude of musical contexts. He's played with everyone from Angus and Julia Stone and Los Lobos to Jimmy Barnes, and appeared on folk, world music, rock and blues festival stages Australia-wide. Steeped in the folkloric traditions of his native Mexico, he not only played and taught music with the very best, but also Mexican and Latin dance - he was national Folkloric Dance Champion for three years in a row and after re-locating to Australia he taught Latin dance at the Sydney Dance Company for four years. As a solo harpist Victor has performed in 25 countries worldwide. For 10 years he was a member of Tlen Huicani, the best known and multi-award-winning Mexican folk group which toured the world, playing 20 performances at Sydney Opera House.

AFTER RE-LOCATING TO AUSTRALIA HE TAUGHT LATIN DANCE AT THE SYDNEY DANCE COMPANY FOR FOUR YEARS.

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Paper DAISIES

As Australia's first inland settlement, Bathurst has always had an important place in history. Yet as far as ticking the boxes for a romantic murder mystery, its new territory for the farming community.

Kim, who lives down the road in Orange, has chosen Bathurst and Hill End in which to set a turn of the century page turner called Paper Daisies.

"It's a tale of murder and misogyny set in 1901 in Bathurst and Hill End, against the backdrop of Federation and the coming of the women's vote," explains Kim, who also goes by the name of Kim Swivel.

Kim publishes under the pen name Kim Kelly, a tribute to her maternal relatives, but is also the esteemed book editor Kim Swivel.

In her latest book, the heroine, a young Sydney University medical student, Berylda Jones, must free herself and her sister Greta from their controlling and sadistic uncle, Alec Howell. Just as their situation seems hopeless, two strangers wander into their world – Ben Wilberry, a botanist who's looking for a particular native paper daisy, and his friend, the artist Cosmo Thompson – and they change the stakes for all.

"As much as it's a story that explores a terrible entrapment and a crime that must be committed to see justice done, inside it, as truth unfolds so does a sweet romance, like the petals of a flower given sun."

Fortunately it's all pure fiction, with Kim's own background and experience of living in the Central West a far happier story.

From an early age, Kim had a fairly idyllic childhood in the eastern suburbs of Sydney, where she was surrounded by books. Her father was an English and History teacher and the family home, although humble, was always filled with reading material.

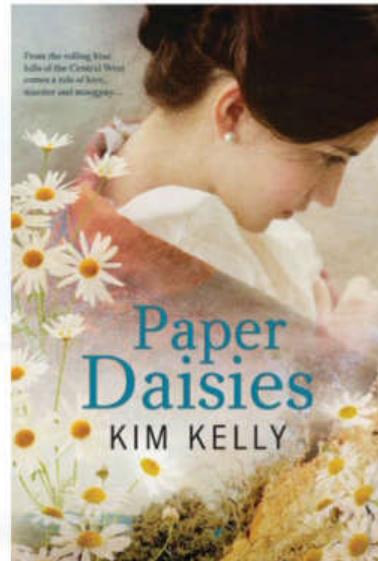
"Suspense thrillers sat happily beside Dickens, Spike Milligan snuggled by Shakespeare, and Frank Hardy rubbed shoulders with Patrick White. My father adored poetry; my mother devoured every page-turning thing. I was also very lucky that my maternal grandparents, the Kellys, lived with us – I loved losing time in my grandfather's Readers Digest "How To" books when I was small, and my grandmother in particular was a quietly fabulous teller of tales."

Although her Dad gave her the joy of words, her mum gave her a solid work ethic. "It's great to dream, but you've got to do the hard yards if you're going to succeed at anything."

As a well known book editor in Australian publishing, and four time author, it comes as a surprise to learn that Kim worked in banking and legal fields for many years before finding publishing.

This in despite the fact that Kim had always wanted to write and started what would be her first novel in Year 5, a 'hilariously terrible' tome called 'House of Horrors', that was abandoned after three pages.

"I'd always wanted to write, but that dreamy 12-year-old lost confidence in young adulthood and it took me a while to regain it. I was 35 and the



As Bicentenary celebrations continue in Bathurst, the town is in the spotlight again, as the setting for a ripping new yarn by Orange author Kim Kelly.

mother of two boys before I picked up that dream again – and finally began to really try to write that novel I knew was there."

Although both of her parents sadly passed away before Kim became a published author, they were immensely proud when Kim became a Book Editor in the 1990s. While many dream of writing a great Australian novel, few succeed. Kim credits her literary success partly to her background in the industry.

"There is no doubt in my mind that working as a book editor was fundamental to building my confidence and sparking my imagination. I met all kinds of authors and read manuscripts of all flavours, and in doing so I learned so much about the craft of story-telling. More and more, I began to think: maybe I can do this too. When I was ready to submit my first manuscript to publishers, I also knew how to present it and who in the

industry to send it to. But I was still as terrified in doing this as any other writer – maybe more so, in a way, as my reputation among colleagues was on the line" Working in other industries has helped broaden her novels.

While admitting she always knew she would make a terrible lawyer, "I'm far too emotional and have no poker face", little snippets of the law have slipped into my novels.

Exposure to the worlds of finance and law also raised her appreciation of social justice issues, which help drive her writing.

Yet for Paper Daisies, set in 1901, Kim couldn't avoid spending many hours at the library to make sure her facts were right.

"Although I'll always refer to the historical record to make sure facts are right, I spend a lot of time inside the newspapers of the day to research all of my novels. They give such bright insights into the times, from the kinds of wine one might have drunk with dinner, to the brand of jam one my buy."

She found one article that beautifully outlined the daily life of a female university student, another revealed the botanical names of flowers as they were known a hundred years ago in journals such as Australian Town & Country.

Kim found photographic research enormously useful too, allowing a glimpse of the streets and fashions and landscapes as they were then.

"But I don't do a huge amount of research before beginning a story – just enough to set a vague timeline – as I enjoy the serendipity of discovering the worlds of my characters along the way."

Throughout the writing process Kim also worked in her role as a book editor, making the challenge quite difficult.

"I can't work on others' stories when I'm wrapped up inside one of my own, and vice versa. I give over my whole heart and mind to whatever narrative is on my table. And yes, sometimes that means I'm a bit of a lights-on-nobody-home person for my family and friends when I'm really in the throes – and they laugh at me."

In terms of inspiration, Kim says it's uncanny how she unwittingly returns to the classics which impressed her so deeply when she was young. Literary greats like Browning, Nietzsche, Dickens, Twain and Australia's Henry Lawson.

With *Paper Daisies* out in bookstores, Kim now hopes to write more stories about Australia.

"I want to keep writing stories about who we are, where we've come from – for as long as time allows. I love to touch dark or forgotten places

of Australian history with love and light, to see things afresh."

"We are so fortunate to live in such a truly lucky country, but it's a land of contradictions both in environment and people, from droughts and flooding rains, to our legendary fair go contrasted with a closed-shop mentality on certain things. Sometimes I feel like I've been given a huge and precious stone to work on, one I'm going to chip and polish forever and never complete, because my contribution is one among many – and that is just awesome." ♦





Fashion Dream

Building a fashion dynasty may not be the easiest road to follow, but the Hines family of Bathurst are living the dream.



What do a nurse, a school teacher and a fashion designer have in common? Apart from being members of the same family, they share a unique set of skills that have already taken them far in the fickle world of fashion.

For three and a half years, the Hines have designed, manufactured and sold their own unique brand of women's fashion, Belle Chemise. And the clothes, sold from their retail outlet in trendy Keppel Street Bathurst has proven a big hit with the locals.

In 2012, family matriarch Jean took the unprecedented step of throwing in her career in nursing and health care consulting to open her own {store}business. On the surface it didn't seem that big of a step, until Jean announced she also wanted to design and make the clothes she would be selling.

If this all sounds a little crazy, Jean had daughter Amelia firmly in mind when planning her big career move.

Daughter Amelia left home at the age of 20 to study fashion design at the East Sydney Fashion Design School. While there she excelled in the creation of exceptionally beautiful garments for women of all ages. Amelia suspected talent alone would not be enough to build a career and pursued further studies in business and marketing before spending many years selling other people's designs through retail outlets. Those years gave Amelia a thorough appreciation of what women were looking for while clothes shopping and Amelia eventually established her own small business as a designer of swimwear.

When Jean rang talked to her daughter about her proposal in 2012, she immediately jumped at the idea. Although certain she could do the job, she was equally confident in her mum's abilities.

"Mum started making clothes for herself, family and friends from the age of 8. Although she qualified as a registered nurse and has worked as a clinician, teacher, researcher and academic, an enduring theme in her life has always been design and creativity," says Amelia.

"Nursing has helped her to communicate well with people and to try to understand their needs and wants. Starting this business later in her life means that she brings a whole breadth experience from travels, education, raising a family and generally celebrating life."

The recent addition of Mark, Jean's husband and Amelia's father, has made it a truly family business. After 27 years teaching at the prestigious All Saints' College in Bathurst, Mark decided to bring his keen sense of humour into the family business. In addition to offering uniquely male observations to the overwhelming female clientele, Mark says he also gets the chance to catch up with many of his former students and their families when they come in for a browse.

Son Rowles Rowls, a Sydney based musician, has yet to join the family team as an employee a participant, but has given countless words of encouragement to his family over the phone. He is there in spirit, if not as a foot soldier.

With her flamboyant dress style, addiction to shoes and ever changing hair styles, Jean is instantly recognisable as the face of Belle Chemise, often striding seen up and down Keppel Street in her bold and vibrant designs.

But it's not all work and no play, as demonstrated when Jean and Mark went on a working holiday to Europe this May. The two visited iconic locations such as fashion parades at Galleries Lafayette, The Galliera Fashion museum which staged a brilliant exhibition of the work of Jeanne Lanvin, and a Christian Dior retrospective exhibition for inspiration. They also spent some time soaking up the style and atmosphere in Paris and regional centres more similar to Bathurst.

The holiday also brought back fond memories for Jean and Mark, who met one another in the transit lounge at Copenhagen, while returning back to Australia from separate trips to Europe. Born and educated in London,

Jean migrated to Australia after she completed registered nurse training in her early 20s.

Mark, originally a country boy from Quirindi NSW, attended Waverly College Sydney, before going on to Macquarie University. Interestingly, he later took a course in Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashem University in Jerusalem. But it took a chance encounter in Scandinavia for both Mark and Jean to end up together - in Bathurst.

Although their lives are now bound together in the Central West, an area more famed for farming than fashion, Jean's love of Europe is fed by the countless fashion journals she and her daughter subscribe to.

"We have an extensive library of resources, but at the end of the day, it's pointless if no one wants it."

"Fashion designer Michael Kors has two main guiding principles. The first is to always meet and talk with your customers, and the second is that "with fashion, unless it ends up on someone's back what is the point?"

"In keeping with these principles we always strive to 'keep it real' in terms of style, fit and also price point."

Three and a half years in business have taught the Hines family to listen very carefully to the needs and desires of their customers and retailers. In addition to selling their designs through their own premises, Belle Chemise is stocked at over 30 retail outlets.

"We ask ourselves the questions would we wear it, would it fit and flatter a number of shapes and sizes, is it going to be affordable to produce and is it on trend for this or next season?"

Not surprisingly, one of the biggest challenges so far has been the manufacture of garments. The need to make at least some of the clothes in

AMELIA LEFT HOME AT THE AGE OF 20 TO STUDY FASHION DESIGN AT THE EAST SYDNEY FASHION DESIGN SCHOOL.

the third world makes for a Herculean effort, with language and distance not the least of hurdles faced.

"We do some manufacturing in Sydney and are looking to develop this more," explains Jean. "We also manufacture in a fair trade factory in Vietnam and the quality control is amazing there. We have visited the factory on many occasions, at least twice a year, and are confident that the staff are treated and paid well."

With horror stories of fashion sweat shops in the third world, it would have been one hurdle too many if they could not find a reputable manufacturer, but on this count they have been blessed.

In the spirit of regional enterprise, all of Belle Chemises designs are drawn in Bathurst NSW and the fit models they use to try on the clothes are real women, not runway size models. Sizes range from 10-24 and the boutique also supports some other Australian fashion labels in store.

Although there is no shortage of women's clothing shops in the region, Jean and Amelia really believe they are designing unique, fresh, quality clothes that modern Australian women want. It is this belief that keeps them so motivated, with customer service described on social media as truly "second to none".

When asked what the future holds, Amelia cheekily jokes "total world domination." But until this happens they want to develop into a well known, trusted and desired ladies fashion brand that stays true to its roots and beginnings. With an agent in Sydney dedicated to getting their designs into shops, they must now turn their focus to online marketing, with a particular focus on harnessing the power of social media. ♦

Belle Chemise is located at 55 Keppel St, Bathurst.



Mountain charm

It's little wonder 'The Falls House' has developed a reputation like no other in the Mountains.

Wentworth Falls features many magnificent houses, and as Blue Mountains Life has discovered over the years these can vary from small cottages to large estates. Yet one property that always stands out is 'The Falls House'.

Sometime back the magazine took a look at the fabulous garden yet this time the owner was good enough to take us on a tour of the inside of this home.

A charming estate set on one of the area's premier landholdings, 'The Falls House' plays host to a delightful home supported by two fully contained guest houses, all set within approximately an acre and a half of beautiful leafy gardens.

A beautiful family residence or a delightful summer holiday getaway, 'The Falls House' would also lend itself to a wealth of possibilities and has up until recently been operating as an commercial B&B, with parking for 6 cars.

Just a short drive from the Wentworth Falls village or a two minute stroll from the breathtaking escarpment and spectacular scenic bushwalks, the property offers a perfect mountain lifestyle.

Nestled on the edge of the World Heritage Blue Mountains National Park, this private estate is set on 5560sqm of breathtaking grounds.

Built on the location of the historic former Toll's Hotel, it encompasses a variety of buildings, many remaining from the site's previous incarnation.

Enjoying one of the Blue Mountain's most picturesque settings, this idyllic home is just a few hundred metres to established bushwalking tracks and a lookout gazing across the Jamison Valley to Mount Solitary and Wentworth Falls.

Falls House is set among lush lawns and magnificent trees. The setting for many grand occasions, the property's meandering grounds are an impressive highlight, ever-changing with the seasons. Dotted with water ➤





features, the gardens encompass a number of secluded terraces, pergolas and entertaining areas, all shaded by a canopy of towering trees, some more than 100 years old.

An expanse of level lawn is framed by classic archways covered with climbing roses, while a former tennis court could be returned to its; previous use with ease.

The property is punctuated with box hedges, rhododendrons, Manchurian pears, chestnut, copper beech and standard mulberry trees. Irrigated via a bore, it also features a chicken coop and an ornate peacock aviary.

Built 1930, the beautifully presented two-storey main residence exudes immense charm and character.

It accommodates four bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms, including a gorgeous master suite with his and hers dressing rooms and a palatial Travertine ensuite.

The sandstone wine cellar which formed part of the historic Toll's Hotel has been transformed into a dramatic gothic-style dining room with timber-lined cathedral ceilings and wrought-iron light fittings.

Additional living spaces include a stately lounge room with an open fireplace, a large family room, casual living and dining, an elegant library ➤

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A host of contemporary luxuries have also been added including a heated indoor pool and spa, a steam room, gym and a contemporary stainless steel gas kitchen.

Falls House also includes additional dwellings. Two delightful guest houses for family and friends, plus a rustic garden bungalow.

A number of additional buildings are located around the property, providing plenty of versatile accommodation options for guests, staff or extended family.

The former stables have been retained and transformed into a three-bedroom guesthouse warmed by a wood-burning combustion fire. The original garden change rooms are now used as studio accommodation.

The property's one-time owner, well-known Australian artist John Olsen, built a cedar studio, now converted to wonderfully spacious two-bedroom, two-storey cottage providing plenty of room for guests, with two levels of living space and rustic timber finishes.

So there you have it. Falls House has all the stunning views and charming atmosphere that the Blue Mountains has become famous for.

And there is no doubt that this property will continue to charm and delight future families well into the future. ♦

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How many times have you seen a picture in a magazine or watched a TV program and wished you could achieve that same look, but have no idea where to begin? Knowing the rules of colour and working out when to break them is the secret.

I believe that we all have our own style that is reflected in our homes. The key to good design is getting the colours right. My own personal style is rustic and very eclectic. I use a little bit of 'old' with a touch of 'new' and change and add whenever I can. I have a passion for restoring and revamping pre-loved furniture and love using unusual objects to decorate, but overall I love using colour! Or rather, I have no fear in using colour!

In all the years I have been a colour consultant it is what I have learnt the most, people are frightened to use colour because not only are the choices overwhelming, but getting the right colour can be daunting. Being brave does not mean you need to paint an entire room in your favourite colour RED, it just means that you need to know how colour works in order to add that favourite colour into your scheme. Giving my clients the understanding and the confidence of how colour works is what I love the most.

Anna Barducci

Colour Consultant Merilux Penrith



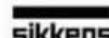
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MOON RIVER

There's something eerily beautiful about a full moon reflected on this stretch of the Hawkesbury, according to owners John and Marina.





Like many husbands before him, John had no intention of leaving the suburbs to live in a rural 'backwater'. But that was before he visited a little old cottage perched quietly above the Hawkesbury River, and changed his mind right away.

"We stumbled on the property from a photo my wife saw in the paper," recounts John, of a weekend drive he took with Marina.

"We went for a drive and I remember complaining all the way saying that 'there is no way I am going to live out here in the middle of nowhere; well I was wrong. I walked to the back of the house and bam, I fell in love and said 'right that's it, this is where we are going to live'. Just like that."

John said the property, in historic Ebenezer was the first one they looked at and they loved it on the spot. Common sense suggested "stalling the selling agent" so they could look at a few other properties, but although this is what they did, nothing came close.

The current house was rebuilt three years ago by a local builder almost from the ground up, with an emphasis on clean, modern, low maintenance styling. John said the original property, although built mostly from cedar had been added on to many times over the years and lacked insulation. The couple happily lived in the old house, not spending a single cent on it until they could afford a complete rebuild. ▶

But when they had enough money set aside, they knew the right thing to do was start over from scratch. The closed in, old fashioned layout of the original house had been a major drawback for the couple who longed for an open plan house with a full cinema in the living area to enjoy the full experience of 3D movies.

Apart from usable space, a 'peaceful lifestyle' was their other main goal with the house. The couple chose earthy neutral colours to mirror the outdoors and allow ease of matching or adding other colours. The floors are local hardwood, stringy bark milled just down the road at Colo.

The kitchen features a large walk in pantry with fantastic storage, along with a separate preparation bench. Out the back, the enormous shed has 180 sq. mtrs of floor space with another 120 sq mtrs of mezzanine, currently set up with 2 large rooms but can easily be further adapted for a multitude of purposes eg: games room, granny flat, studio etc.

While it is no doubt a practical home, the jewel of the property are its magnificent river views. The best seat in the house is on the massive rear deck, perched above an established yard with river views and wildlife.

"It's a good place for the soul," John says. Incidentally, the property is called Moon River because when it is a full moon it lights up the river and is haunting yet beautiful at the same time. In addition to incredible river views from much of the property, the house also overlooks around 150 acres of farmland. There's no doubt the owners enjoy the best of both worlds, with a new home in a very old world setting. ♦

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The property also boasts a second cottage which has been rented separately of recent times and can provide an additional revenue source. The outdoor facilities are excellent too with a tennis court and in-ground pool included. With its long agricultural history, Dockairne has the infrastructure you would expect for livestock production. These include the original shearing shed, hay shed, stable complex with eight stalls plus other original sheds and timber cattle yards.

Water is the life blood of any farm and the property is well provided for with excellent bore tanks, dams and a permanent creek. 'Dockairne' is a highly productive acreage suitable for cropping sheep, cattle or horses, being one of the original homes in Bathurst.

With so much interest in Australia's past, and the rapid expansion of Bathurst as a city, Dockairne is expected to appeal to many types of people. ♦

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"The Mela Purdie range offers our customers essentials that provide a platform for individual style," says Karen. This is clothing that allows you to travel light and ensures "effortless chic" for women on the move. Depart in comfort, arrive in style, wrap and layer for a fast change!

Karen's tip for stylish dressing this summer is to stay cool in natural fibres and easy care fabrics that feel luxurious on the skin. The range cater beautifully to every body type and age group, each woman wears the range in their own unique way.



Galleria has found a niche in regional NSW by offering a fabulous collection of labels as well as Mela Purdie, including Verge, Andiamo, Paula Ryan, Frank Lyman, Chocolat, Obi, Seven Sisters and is an exclusive stockist of the beautiful and affordable jewellery "Sybella".

The Galleria woman enjoys wearing beautiful fabrics in contemporary and classic styles that will endure over several seasons. "Our team of dedicated Stylists believe that you can look stylish and feel great regardless of your age or figure type. We love supporting women discover their own style in a relaxed and caring environment. We often share a coffee or champagne with our customers as they explore our collections" says Karen. "Our shop is located in the historic Royal Hotel building with its stunning leadlight windows and timber floors providing such a beautiful space for our customers. We are right in the true heart of Bathurst, opposite Kings Parade park". ♦



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ANGUS RULES

Soaring demand for Angus Beef means one Orange family is selling their iconic property - to buy a bigger farm.

By Vanessa Mace

The Central West may have its up and down moments when it comes to the drought, but business is bright for Dean and Anne Fredericksen, who have just listed their property Marley for sale to finance an even bigger venture.

With 100 improved acres, Marley, six kilometres out of Orange is hardly small. And the family home, an alpine inspired energy efficient modern family home, built just nine years ago for the family of five, is still almost new.

But Dean, a Consulting Geologist has a dream to build a bigger commercial beef breeding enterprise and has run out of space on the family farm. And that means Marley, also known as Dalwhinnie Angus Stud, is up for sale.

The beautiful family home with views to Mount Canobolas was completed in 2006 by Brett Dunbar Building services. The inspiration for the

house was an alpine style designed for a modern busy farming family with space to study and entertain, but with the ability to be sectioned off for privacy when needed.

While Dean and Anne supplied many ideas to the firm Craig McKinnon Design, the ultimate idea was to incorporate energy efficiency where possible. They particularly wanted to ensure heating and cooling by natural sources, and designed the house to capture the views of the property and Mt Canobolas to the West.

The house has large north facing double glazed windows and a pair of double brick walls and thickened concrete slabs to act as heat sinks to maintain warmth in the winter and cooling in the summer.

The kitchen was designed and built by Zylem Kitchens, and makes use of interesting features. In addition to granite, the couple used Jarrah left over from the renovation of a verandah a previous house and timber

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AN OPEN PLAN ALPINE STYLE WAS CHOSEN FOR THE MODERN FARMHOUSE

from the old Orange Saleyards were used by Zylem Kitchens to make an additional benchtop for the study.

Blackbutt timber was chosen for the floors throughout the main communal areas and kitchen and premium Australian made carpets feature throughout the bedrooms and lounge.

There is a separate upstairs Parents Retreat - Large Bedroom, Ensuite, Walk in Robe, Office and own Covered balcony overlooking the garden and farm.

Ducted Reverse cycle Cooling Heating is supplemented by a cosy woodfire.

A large covered outdoor entertaining area greets visitors with direct access to the Chefs Kitchen.

The garden was carefully planned by Sarah Hoskins of Caledonian Landscapes.

Dean says most people in the farming community know of the property by its business name, Dalwhinnie Angus Stud and not its original name, Marley.

Dalwhinnie is not a breed of cattle, but the name of a small village high in the northern Scottish Grampians Mountains, famous as a meeting place of drovers and the sight of a popular whiskey distillery.

Dean and Anne's interest in agriculture goes back to their roots in New Zealand. Dean worked extensively on sheep and cattle properties in NZ before becoming a geologist and the couple worked together in shearing sheds to fund their university studies. Given an extensive period as a shearer, Dean loves farming and always believed that when the right opportunity came along he would get back on the land and start his own cattle stud.

The couple relocated to Orange in 2004 with big ambitions that have come to fruition.

"Our primary reason for selling the property is the purchase of a larger

farm to grow our Angus cattle breeding business. We have run out of room," explains Dean.

"We currently run 30 stud breeding cows and up to 20 young bulls on the 100 acres, plus a further 30 -40 breeders and young stock on a 250 acre lease block."

Anne, a teacher librarian at St Mary's Primary School, was recognised for her green thumb early on and nominated as the school's Stephanie Alexander Garden Teacher. It's a talent she has replicated at home, with an extensive vegetable patch, berry patch and orchard. There's also an extensive chicken run as the couple have a side hobby rearing

Wyndotte and Barnvelder chooks.

The promise of a bigger farm is helping keeping the couple's grown up children in the area. Eldest daughter Kristen has a natural love of agriculture and animals and is in her 4th year of veterinary science degree, middle daughter Holly has started a law and international relations degree and Taine will spend a year working on their new property before beginning his further studies.

The couple say that Orange has been an excellent place to raise a family with fantastic educational, sporting and cultural opportunities.

"We are country people at heart but Orange offers a great blend between the rural lifestyle and city amenities."

The children have grown up with great diversity in thought and all have been blessed to find work in various casual hospitality related jobs in the Orange area in between studies.

It's an association they hope to continue for many more years as they move on to bigger and better things. ♦

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1. Add the flour to a large bowl making a well in the middle. Add the yeast, half the water, sugar and table salt. Using a fork gradually bring the flour from the outside of the bowl into the middle and mix until you form a stodgy consistency. Add the remaining water and combine well using your hands.
2. Turn the dough onto a well-floured surface and knead for 5-10 minutes. Form a ball and place the dough into an oiled, flour dusted bowl and cover with a damp tea towel for one hour or until it has doubled in size.
3. Using your fist, knock the air out of the dough and turn onto a floured

Dough

500g High Grade (00) flour
1.5 x 7g packets of dried yeast
300ml luke warm water
1 teaspoon raw sugar
½ teaspoon table salt

surface, kneading until smooth and elastic, approximately 3-5 minutes.

4. Roll the dough into a rectangle measuring roughly 40 x 24cm. Brush the dough with the Anathoth Farm Sweet Chilli Relish and sprinkle with feta and mozzarella cheese.

5. LOAF: Trim the edges, discarding any scraps, to make straight sides along the rectangle. Using a sharp knife, cut the rectangle into 4, long, equal strips. Stack the strips on top of one another and then cut the strips into halves, to make a total of 16 squares. Grease a baking loaf tin, approximately 20 x 12cm, with oil and flour. Stack the squares against each other, cut-sides down, there will be extra space on both sides. Lightly cover the pan with a dry tea towel and let it prove for 1 hour.

6. PLAITED LOAF: Line a large, flat, rectangular baking tray with oven-proof paper and tightly roll the dough into a log. Using a sharp knife, make a long cut up the centre of the roll, leaving, approximately 3-5cm uncut at the top. Plait the two lengths together, pinching the ends to seal and place onto the prepared tray. Lightly cover the pan with a dry tea towel and let it prove for 1 hour.

7. Preheat a fan forced oven to 200°C, and bake for 15-20 minutes, or until golden brown and slightly springy to touch.

8. Allow to cool for 5 minutes, remove from tray, and serve with butter and additional Anathoth Farm Sweet Chilli Relish.

Recipe created for us by Jessica of Daily Gluttony





Sweet Chilli Thai Beef Salad

2 tablespoons olive oil

200g beef steak (Scotch fillet or New York are best)

1 small red capsicum

100g green beans

5 button mushrooms

handful of bean sprouts

¼ cup Anathoth Farm Sweet Chilli Relish

1. In a large heavy-based pan, heat half the olive oil over medium high heat and cook the steak to taste (around 4 minutes per side for a large,

150g salad mix

1 small Lebanese cucumber

¼ red onion

2 tablespoons peanuts

2 sprigs fresh coriander

1 sprig fresh mint

juice of ½ lime

thick slice is great).

2. Remove from pan and slice into thin strips. Allow to rest and cool.

3. Add remaining oil to pan and add the capsicum and beans. Stir for 4 minutes until slightly charred and wilted.

4. Reduce the heat and add mushrooms and bean sprouts for a further minute.

5. Add the sliced steak and Anathoth Farm Sweet Chilli Relish and cook another minute.

6. Arrange salad greens, cucumber and onion on a serving plate. Serve the warm vegetables and steak on top. Sprinkle with peanuts and garnish with chopped coriander and mint leaves.

7. A squeeze of lime juice and it's ready to serve! Created for us by Martyna the Wholesome Cook

Sweet Chilli Prawns

Prawns

2 tablespoons of butter
2 tablespoons of olive oil
400g Anathoth Farm Sweet Chilli Relish
1kg medium green king prawns – peeled and deveined, tails in tact
1/4 cup flat leaf parsley – chopped

Crusty bread – to serve

Lemon wedges – to serve

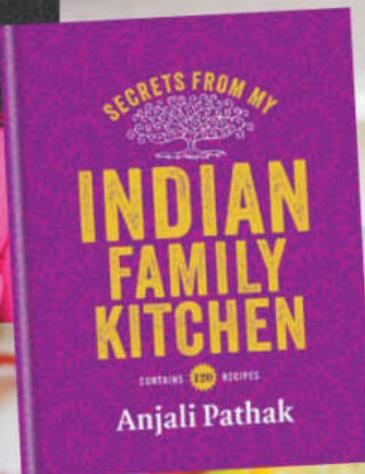
Chilli Mayo

1/2 cup whole egg mayonnaise
2 tablespoons of Anathoth Farm Sweet Chilli Relish

1. Melt butter and oil in a large frying pan over medium-high heat. Add prawns in batches and cook, stirring occasionally, until prawns are just pink (2-3 minutes).
2. Return all prawns and juices to the pan then add 400g Anathoth Farm Sweet Chilli Relish and cook, stirring for 1-2 minutes.
3. In a small mixing bowl stir whole egg mayonnaise and 2 tablespoons of Anathoth Farm Sweet Chilli Relish until combined then transfer to a serving dish.
4. Stir in parsley and serve with crusty bread, lemon wedges and chilli mayo.

Recipe created for us by Jessica of Daily Gluttony

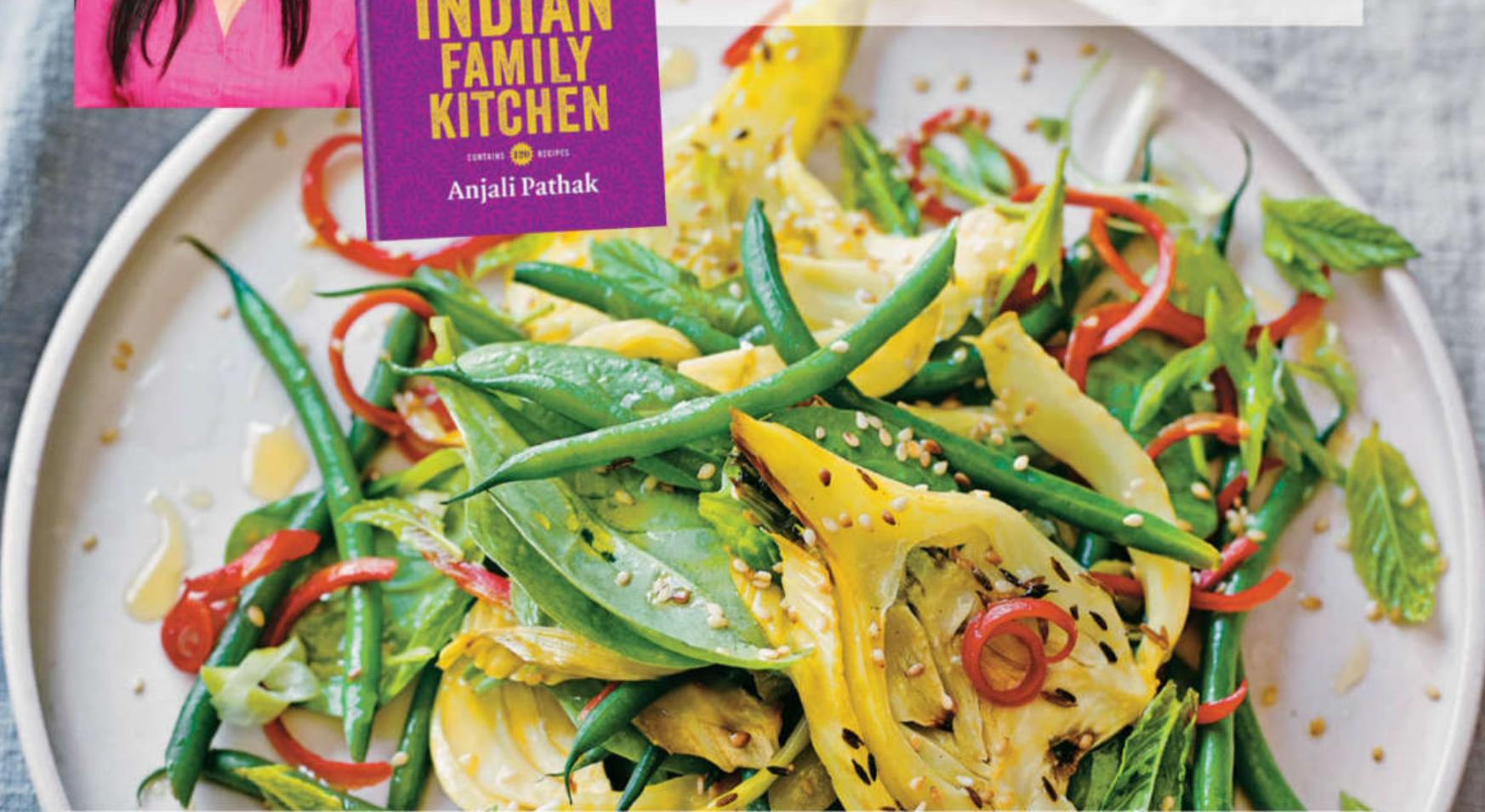




Secrets From My Indian Family Kitchen

By Anjali Pathak

A collection of Indian and spice-inspired recipes to cook at home from chef and food writer Anjali Pathak - the next generation of the highly-successful Patak's Indian food brand.



Green bean salad with roasted fennel, garlic & mint

Fennel seed is a spice that often divides people, as it has a strong aniseed flavour. The fresh fennel bulb also has a very overpowering flavour, but when roasted it becomes sweet and mellow. I love adding spices before it's roasted to give some depth and then tossing it through greens while it's still warm for a pick-me-up salad.

serves 4

Prep time 5 minutes

Cook time around 30 minutes

1 fennel bulb, trimmed and thinly sliced
3 tbsp olive oil
1 tsp cumin seeds
¼ tsp ground turmeric
4 garlic cloves, kept in their skins
300g (10½oz) green beans
rind, pared in large pieces, and juice of ½ lemon

2 spring onions, finely sliced
1 red chilli, deseeded if you don't like your salads fiery, finely sliced
200g (7oz) spinach leaves
2 tbsp roughly chopped mint leaves
salt
1 tbsp sesame seeds, toasted, to sprinkle (optional)

Preheat the oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas Mark 6. Put the fennel slices in a roasting tray and drizzle over half the oil. Rub them with the cumin seeds and turmeric and then add the garlic cloves. Roast for 25 minutes until the fennel is lightly golden brown at the edges. Remove from the oven and allow to cool a little.

In the meantime, blanch the green beans by cooking them in a saucepan of boiling water with the lemon rind. Cook for 2 minutes before draining and plunging them into ice-cold water to keep their vibrant green colour. Discard the lemon rind.

Toss the green beans together with the spring onions, chilli, spinach and mint in a bowl.

When cool enough to handle, squeeze the roasted garlic cloves out of their skins and roughly chop them before adding them to the salad with the warm fennel. Drizzle over the remaining oil and lemon juice, then taste and season with salt accordingly, before serving sprinkled with the toasted sesame seeds, if you wish.



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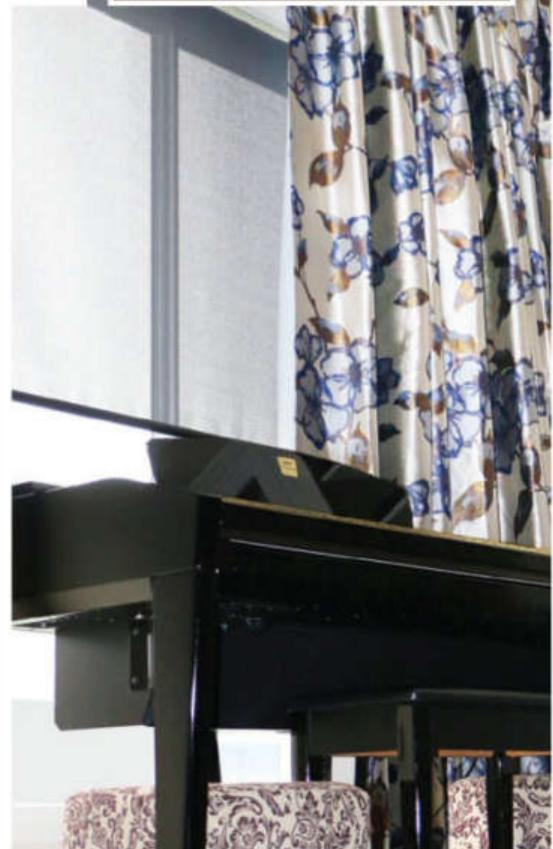
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Tadka dhal

This is probably the most famous lentil dish coming out of India – yellow lentils tempered with spices and the usual holy trinity of garlic, ginger and chilli. It has always been a favourite of mine and it would grace our family dinner table at least once a week when I was growing up. There are lots of different recipes for flavouring the oil (tadka), so play around with your spice pantry and see what you come up with. If you haven't got half of these spices, then don't worry; just add a tablespoon of your favourite spice paste and it will taste just as delicious.

MY SECRET

When I'm tired I crave dhal – it's like a hug in a bowl. To bulk it out and make it more of a meal, I stir through some fresh greens such as spinach or watercress – a great way to use up old veg.

300g (10½oz) dried toor dhal (yellow lentils/yellow split peas), washed in several changes of water
1 tsp ground turmeric
2 black cardamom pods (optional)
3 tbsp vegetable oil
2 cinnamon sticks
4 green cardamom pods
6 cloves

2 tsp black mustard seeds
1 tsp cumin seeds
2 spring onions, finely sliced
2–3 chillies, any colour, deseeded if you don't like it fiery, some chopped and the rest left whole
2 fat garlic cloves, finely chopped
1 tbsp peeled and finely chopped fresh root ginger

6 cherry tomatoes, cut in half
good pinch of salt, or to taste
1 tsp sugar, or to taste

juice of ½ lemon, or to taste
lots of chopped fresh coriander, to garnish

Gently boil the lentils in a large saucepan of cold water (around 1 litre /1¾ pints will do) and stir in the turmeric and black cardamom pods (if using) – this will add a subtle smoky flavour. Allow to cook for around 45 minutes, or until the lentils have softened and started to break down. Skim off any foam that sits on the top and give the lentils a stir every now and again in case they begin to stick on the bottom. If they boil dry, add more water.

Once the lentils have softened, turn down the heat and make the tadka. Gently heat the oil in a frying pan and add the cinnamon sticks, green cardamom pods and cloves. When the cardamoms have turned white and the heads of the cloves have swollen, you are ready to stir in the mustard and cumin seeds. When they are sizzling, stir in the spring onions, chillies, garlic and ginger.

After a minute, stir through the tomatoes and turn off the heat. Pour the tadka into the dhal so that it floats on top. This is the traditional way to serve it, with the scented oil sitting on top, but I prefer to stir it through. Season with salt, sugar and lemon juice.

Finally, stir through plenty of chopped fresh coriander and serve with some rice or fresh bread for the ultimate comfort food.



Rest Your Senses

If you need to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life then a stay in Mudgee could be the perfect place.

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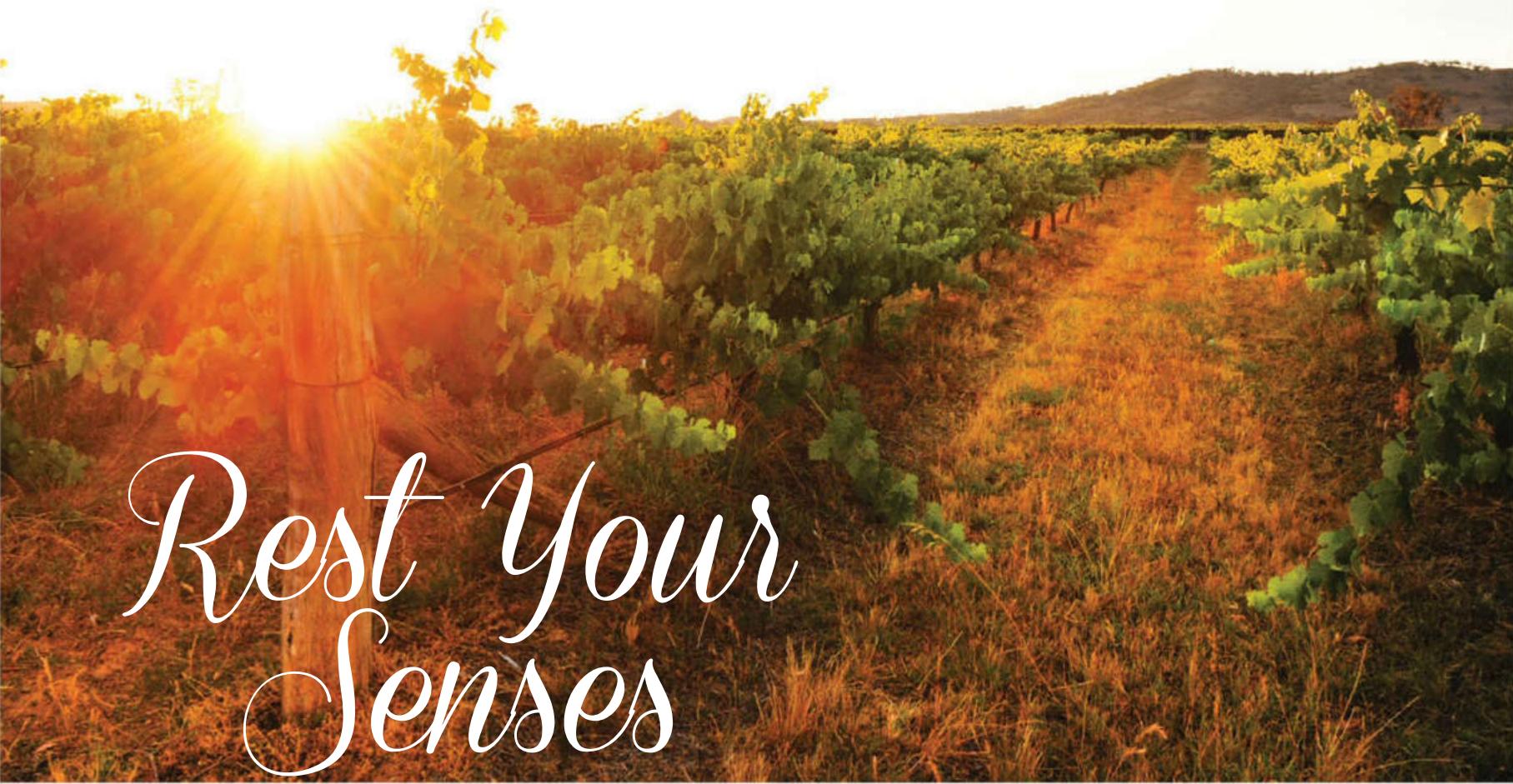
If you've been here already, you'll know the culinary passion runs deep, with Mudgee now a household name among foodies across Australia.

And for those of you, who are yet to visit, allow us to set the scene. Mudgee has a rich pastoral history that is reflected in its heritage streetscapes which are wide and tree-lined, just as you would imagine a refined country town to look like.

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Many 'tree changers' now call Mudgee home, taking a slice of their city life and gently connecting it with the authenticity of the country. What this means to you, our guest, is that you have an abundance of sophisticated yet earthy experiences to indulge in.

With a range of breath taking natural attractions, delectable wine and scrumptious local produce (designed to impress the fussiest of foodies), events to excite, an impressive boutique and chic shopping precinct, lush golf course and picturesque streetscapes, it's time you jumped in the car or hopped on a train or a plane to visit Mudgee. You won't be disappointed.



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LITHGOW Vamps It Up

Dig out the face paint and put on your scariest costume because Lithgow is about celebrate Halloween.

Macabre monsters, creepy clowns and scary skeletons can venture from the shadows and into the light when the town of Lithgow celebrates Halloween with a night of ghoulish glee on October 31.

Featuring spectacular Vivid-style lighting displays and spooky decorations, the main shopping strip will be transformed into a fun-filled pedestrian zone with five themed precincts packed with market stalls selling local produce, dining options for every budget and non-stop entertainment across two main stages.

The event will be organised and hosted by Lithgow City Council, with support from local sponsors.

"Our Halloween event is for the people of Lithgow to celebrate their community, to support our local shops and provide a safe Trick or Treat environment for our children at 4.00pm. We have had such a wonderful time in the past few years and want to share our community spirit with others and invite visitors to join us on October 31," said Lithgow City Council Mayor, Councillor Maree Statham.

Visitors and locals are encouraged to immerse themselves in the spirit of the occasion and dress up as a fun or frightening Halloween character such as a vampire, Dracula, a fantasy personality, goblin or fairy.

The top section of Main St will be dedicated a Family Friendly zone sponsored by Centennial Coal, with plenty of activities for children.

Ronald McDonald will be performing his spectacular magic show on the Funky stage at 4.00pm.

The 'Flavours Long Lunch' will be held in the second section near the Old Exchange Hotel, which will also have a fashion parade and market stalls with local produce.

"There will be circus acrobats, magic and the Waratah Drum Corps," said Mayor Statham. "There will be plenty of special effects and vampire antics, and be sure to keep an eye out for werewolf waiters and chefs on stilts

lurking in the crowd."

"I am looking forward to meeting Countess Pamela Pire, esteemed Doctor of the Ology of undying at the University of Bram Stoker and champion high jumper at the 1926 Transylvanian Olympics, and learning how her history is interwoven with Lithgow."

Lithgow has a range of accommodation options available, as well as in neighbouring areas. Contact the Lithgow Visitor Information Centre on 6350 3230 for help with your accommodation needs.

Accommodation packages are available by contacting the Lithgow Visitor Information Centre on 1300 76 02 76.

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The stores location on route from Sydney to the Central West attracts customers from the upper Blue Mountains and Bathurst as well as Mudgee and surrounding areas. Whether you are on route East or West, the independent shops in Lithgow's Main St make a great destination for shoppers looking for something a little different.

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Wedding Essentials

With the wedding season in full swing, we know planning is top of mind for many of you right now – and in the world of weddings, timing is key. How in the world can you figure out the right and wrong way of pulling all the pretty little details together of your special day and make the timing work?

Well have no fear, Blue Mountains Life magazine has put together a list of things to do to make your big day flow beautifully while allowing you to actually have time to enjoy your guests. Imagine that! So get out your bookmarks, because this post is a keeper for sure.

Flowers

Another big decision. But it can be simple- go with your favourite flowers. You can get professional help from a florist, or even buy your own flowers and make bouquets yourself. It helps to find out what flowers are in season at the time of your wedding.

Cakes

Although it is traditional to go with fruit cake, just choose your favourite kind of cake. With countless impressive cake designs around, check out some wedding cake magazines and find one you both like.

Celebrant

Make sure you meet some celebrants before deciding on who will marry you. There are so many lovely celebrants, but you want someone who you feel comfortable and happy with.

The dress

Take your time! And get in early in case the dress needs altering. Do your research and try on lots of different styles, even if you know exactly what you want. You may be surprised!

Remember to keep your budget in mind- you don't want to try on the perfect dress and then discover you can't afford it!

Bridesmaid dresses

Try and pick a colour and style that suits all bridesmaids. This may be tricky, but it will be worth it. Keep in mind you are the bride and in the end it is what you like the most.

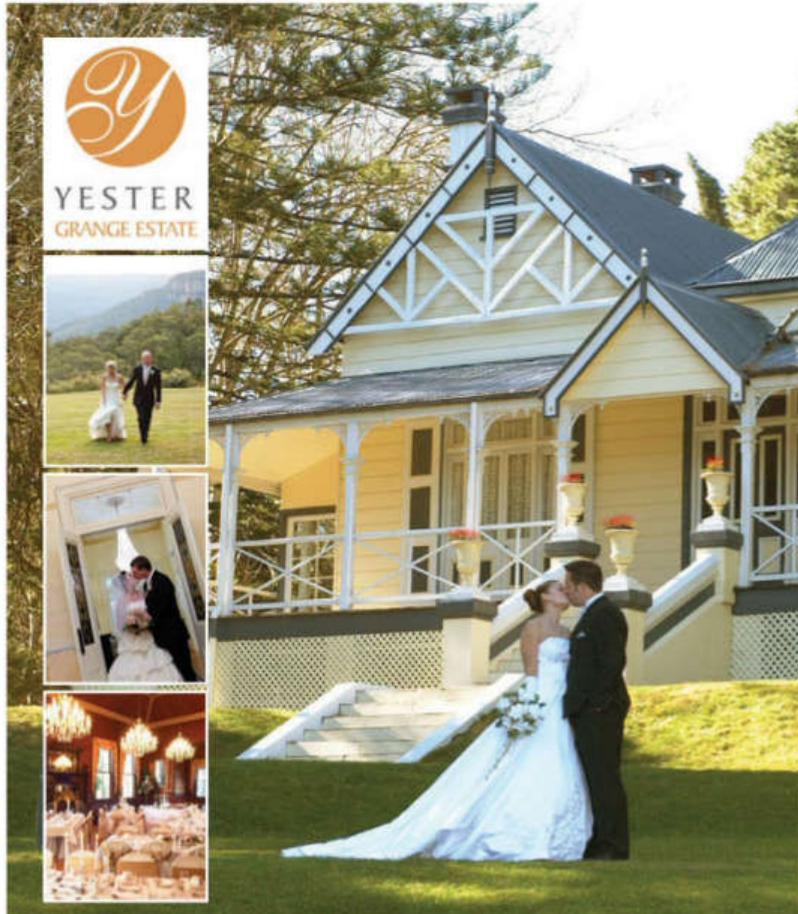
Suits

Grooms and groomsmen can buy or rent their suits. The beauty of renting suits from the same place is you know they will be the same. On the other hand, as a gift to the groomsmen, the groom could buy the suit for them. Check out belts and cufflinks at the same time.

Photography

Although your photographer will be on the other side of the camera, it is important to make sure you get along well. They will be there for very special moments and you need to ensure your photographer's style suits the kind of photos you want for the rest of your life.

There is no point getting a very formal traditional photographer if you want very candid funny photos!



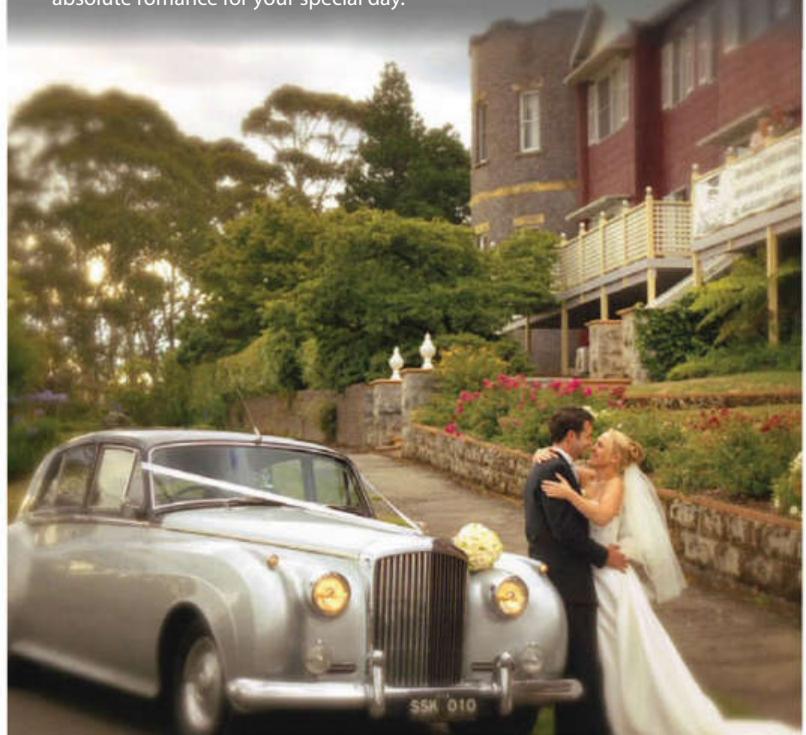
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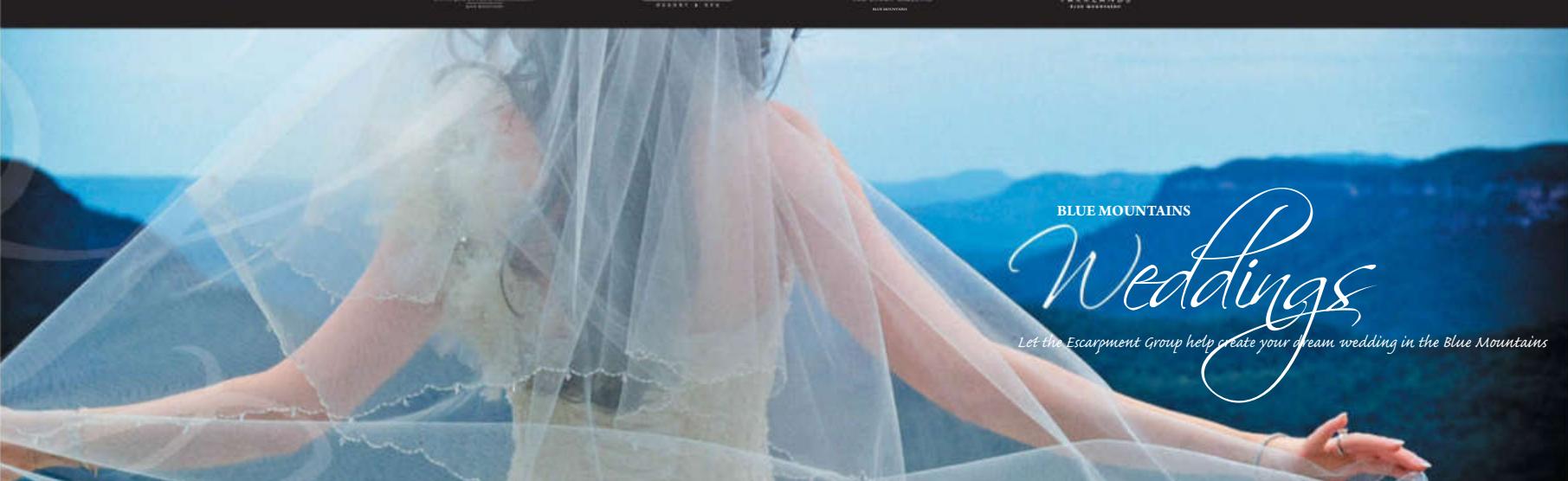
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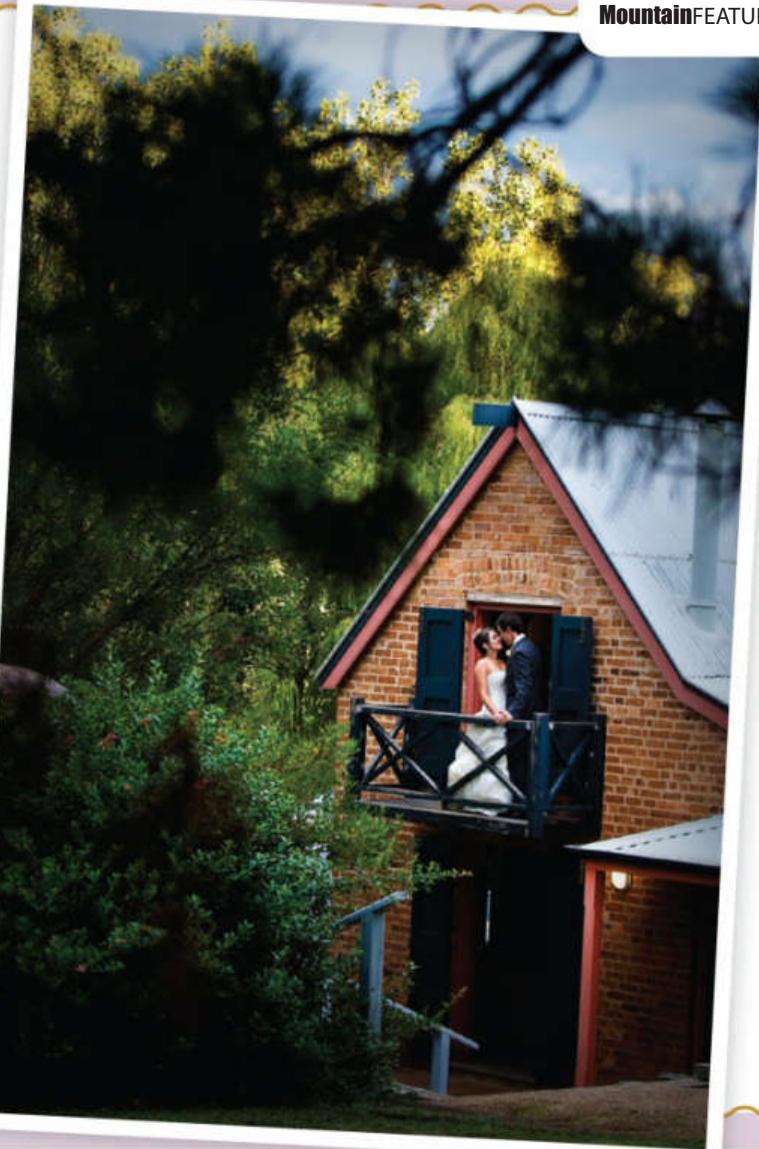
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Leura Fair

Visitors will be greeted with a great atmosphere and plenty of activities at this year's Leura Village Fair.

Springtime in Leura is always spectacular – it's highlighted in the streets with a profusion of blossoms on the trees and a riot of colour bursting from every garden. The local shops are equally as colourful, with retailers celebrating the change of season by unveiling their spring/summer ranges, offering locals and visitors treasures either handcrafted right here in the Blue Mountains or collected on national and international buying trips.

Spring is also when the annual Leura Village Fair takes place. Now in its 35th year, this popular event will be held on 10 & 11 October and will see the introduction of the 'Carpark Canteen', with a diverse array of locally produced food items and international cuisines filling up the area adjacent to the carpark entry to Woolworths.

Accessible via both Megalong Street and Leura Mall, this dedicated dining area will also feature fun stalls for children, along with seating and recycling stations that help to minimise the Fair's carbon footprint.

As always, an upmarket mix of fashion, jewellery, accessories, homewares and plant stalls will line Leura Mall, with the grass underneath Leura's iconic cherry trees serving as the perfect spot to relax, picnic and watch the world pass by.

While at the Fair why not visit Leura Antiques. Located in the centre of town, the truly eclectic "Leura Antiques...to Modern" is the shop with something for everyone and a must see for visitors to the Blue Mountains.

With their combined history in antiques, interior design and estate jewellery, local owners John and Robert, offer a rich and colourful array of collectibles- fine jewellery, clothing and home wares. Whatever your taste, it's sure to be there - stylish china, furnishings and wall art from classical to funk; elegant fascinators and hats, a stunning collection of furs (including a faux or two if that's your preference) and everything a Rockabilly girl could dream of. And if it's that once-in-a-lifetime trademark piece of jewellery you're looking for, you're sure to find it

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"Our stock is sourced from contacts in Australia as well as all over the world- New York, London and many places in Europe. If it's right for our collection, we ship it in" says John.

Yet despite the glamour, the prices are great, hence the number of tourists visiting the shop. Whether you're seriously shopping or not, it's worth dropping in just to say hello to Rob and John.

Then there is Birches of Leura which is brimming with beautiful plants, gorgeous colour and elegant gifts. Come and browse to the soft music of fountains splashing in the sunshine; purchase that spectacular Blossom Tree or just while away a little time in a place of calm and serenity right in the middle of the village.

**THE ANNUAL LEURA VILLAGE FAIR -
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ON 10 & 11 OCTOBER**

"Our aim is to provide everyone with a tranquil beautiful space to enjoy as they will," say owners Christine and Piercarlo. "Our friendly qualified staff is always ready to help with all your gardening requirements so come and enjoy good old-fashioned customer service with a smile!" Birches of Leura is conveniently located adjacent to the Leura council car park off Megalong Street and is open 10am-5pm every day.

Not to be outdone is the Little Wing store. It proudly features Australian designed and made fashion that is fun, funky and elegant for women of all ages & shapes.

Designs featured at Little Wing include: Vigorella – wonderful stretch pieces perfect for layering; Rebecca Ruby – wrap dresses (great on all figures); Wyse Bodywear – an easy to wear, elegant range made from beechwood fibre; Maiocchi – beautifully feminine pieces which reference a Japanese influence; Sacha Drake – versatile dresses to flatter all figures.

Little Wing also has handbags by Formosa, Elk accessories (including jewellery and leather goods), Paper Boat Press ceramics, Tightology leg-wear and Australian made jewellery by Kirstin Ash, Honeybee Goods, Angus & Celeste and Naomi Murrell. Just to complete the picture there are shoes and boots by Elk and Freya & Sabine.

Little Wing does not slavishly follow fashion but aims to stock timeless pieces that suit real women of all shapes & sizes as well as individual small-run lines made by independent designers. Little Wing aims to offer friendly, efficient customer service that allows you to feel supported in your choices without feeling hassled to buy.

Clothing prices range from as little as \$12.95 to about \$300.

Stock is updated continuously so there is always something new to see in store. At Little Wing you are welcome to take your time and browse around the shop.

Little Wing is located at Shop 1, 201 Leura Mall, Leura and is open from 9:30am to 5:30pm Monday to Saturday and 10:00am to 4:30pm on Sundays.



UNEXPECTED SURPRISE

Blackheath features some of the best bush walks the Mountains has to offer.

The unique and World Heritage Listed Greater Blue Mountains region is barely a stone's throw from the city, but a world away from the heat of the Sydney plain.

Blackheath is one of the highest towns above sea level in the Blue Mountains. Here you can enjoy crisp mountain air, brisk walks, great food and cosy accommodation. This historic town is on an escarpment that has spectacular mountain scenery on both sides. It's one of the best places to stay if you want to enjoy some of the highlights of the Blue Mountains National Park has to offer. Govett's Leap Lookout, Evans Lookout, Grose Valley and Hargreaves Lookout are spectacular high-elevation viewing platforms from where you can observe the scenic wonder of this World Heritage Area.

Blackheath Rhododendron Festival is held on the first weekend in November - it's a great introduction to the beauty of seasonal gardens in the area. During the Annual Rhododendron Festival the Blackheath village comes alive with floral displays, the Annual Art Show, roof bolting, coal shovelling, and outdoor entertainment. The Grand Parade will take place on the first Saturday in November.

On the 17 October is the Grand Opening with the crowning of the 2014-15 princess, a local identity. Grand Parade Day on the 1 November will have children's entertainment, Steam Punk in the street, a parade led by a string of decorated horses, music and a great variety of stalls and entertainment in the Park.

Don't forget to book early for the annual Revue, 'Blackheath Remembers' on 7,8,9, and 10 November and win some wine for the best decorated table. It's 100 years since the start of WW1 and none of the

Blackheath Traders

Now entering its 5th year; this Aladdin's cave of treasures is well worth a visit. One and a half floors brimming with vintage, collectables, local arts & crafts, artworks, toys, jewellery, fashion, furniture and furnishings. Situated on the industrial side opposite the railway station – an eclectic mix of local wares and recyclables. Beautifully presented and welcoming. An old fashioned shopping experience. Open Wed – Sun 10am – 4pm phone (02) 4787 7709. Local consignment upon approval.



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locals could imagine that one day they would feature in a Revue! The Gatsby Debutante Ball with exciting music is on 15 November, a chance to dress up and kick up your heels. The Local Composers' Concert, a true feast of new music and top class performances, is on the 14 November.

If you live in Sydney and are looking for a peaceful place to retreat to for a couple of days, Blackheath will provide that much-needed change of pace you've been craving. Surrounded by natural bushland and breathtaking views, this area of the Blue Mountains is a popular spot for honeymoons and wedding anniversaries.

But there's also plenty on offer for anyone who just wants to get out into the great outdoors and make the most of life. For instance, why not explore the Blue Mountains National Park by kayak or canoe? Plus there are plenty of walking tracks around the Blackheath area that cater to bushwalkers of all levels. Don't forget to keep an eye out for Australian native birds and wildlife while you're there, as the Blue Mountains is home to many species of animals.

Another feature of Blackheath is the beautifully manicured gardens which proliferate the area. In springtime, you'll be greeted by an array of colourful flowers in bloom, while in autumn the streets turn to gold as the season changes.

Accommodation options in Blackheath range from motor inns and motels, through to tranquil eco lodges, guesthouses and hotels. There really is no better way to relax after an exhilarating day of bushwalking than to sink into a nice hot bath in one of the most picturesque parts of Australia.

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Local Radio MOVE FM will be on hand with live broadcasts, with of course a sausage sizzle where everyone is welcome!

Mitre 10 Blackheath is a fully independent business owned by the Hume family, which has proudly served the local region for over 45 years, ever since the 1930s, when Bill Hume's father established a lumber mill on the site. When Bill and Shirley took over the running of the business they quickly realised the need in the community for a hardware retailer, and decided to open a reliable independent hardware store which operates today as a thriving local business. They stock a full range of products including, garden and outdoor, bathroom and plumbing, paint and decorating, hardware and building, kitchens and appliances.

In 2014 the Hardware Association of NSW awarded Mitre 10 Blackheath its Heritage Award in recognition of their dedicated community service.

At Mitre 10 Blackheath the emphasis is always on providing quality customer service. The store is open seven days a week with a full delivery service that includes Lithgow. For further details call them on 125 Station Street, Blackheath. Phone: (02) 4787 8368.



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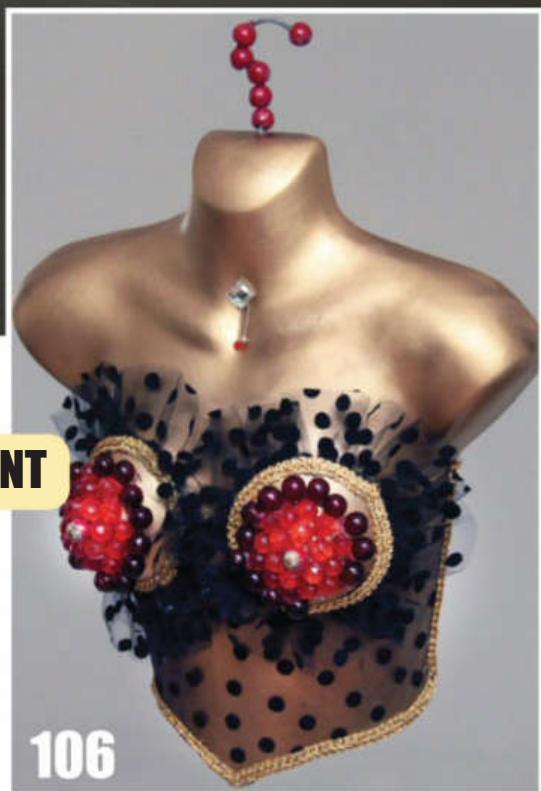
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Black is back

The 'it' colour for stylish kitchens this autumn, Grundig's new range of glossy black appliances are at the cutting-edge of product design. The new eye-catching collection includes a fridge freezer, tumble dryer, washing machine and dishwasher, and is the latest in a long line of elegant innovations from the German designed brand.



Timber Look Is Back

If you are looking for a beautifully designed bed that is handcrafted then check out Warren Evans beds. Warren Evans' collection includes their popular: wooden, space-saving, slatted, divans and upholstered beds. With a wide choice of different beds and finishes there's something to suit all practical needs, styles and budgets.

Their Shaker Bed in Oak Satin is one of the very first Warren Evans beds to be handmade more than 30 years ago. The Shaker design remains one of the top selling beds. Its straight edges offer a refined and minimalist look to give your bedroom timeless charm.

Retro Look

When it comes to choosing gifts for your foodie friends and family choose something that's for life not just for Christmas! Whether they are a budding Mary Berry or Heston Blumenthal wannabe, Pyrex has a great selection of quality cookware and bakeware items to impress avid Pyrex collectors, home cooks and budding bakers alike. Designed to reflect the 'Cinderella' shape from the 1950s, the Pyrex 2.5l vintage glass bowl has been launched in celebration of the brand's 100 year anniversary. An instant icon, the product also features the centenary logo stamped on the base – making it ideal for new and existing collectors. ♦



Choices Flooring

For over 17 years, Choices Flooring Penrith has been helping local families, businesses and builders find the floor they've been searching for. With the local community at the heart of their business, Choices Flooring Penrith showcases the latest trends in carpet, timber, bamboo, laminate, luxury vinyl, tiles and rugs, in addition to those of a more traditional nature, to ensure they have the perfect flooring solution for every space and budget. Choices Flooring Penrith's Owner and Manager, Mr Tom Rigby, said having the right product selection and providing exceptional service has always been the key to maintaining a successful business. "Like paint, flooring creates the base for any space. As such, it's important for us to ensure we get it right for our customers – both visually and practically," Mr Rigby said. "Aside from the continual developments in our product selection, we take pride in our team's exceptional product knowledge, which includes understanding the impact different textures and colours have in a space." So no matter how big or small your project may be, Choices Flooring Penrith will help you find the perfect flooring solution for your space. For inspiration to decorate from the floor up, visit their showroom at 131 Coreen Avenue, Penrith, to receive your free copy of Inspiring Choices 2015 magazine.



Remodelling

Words by Matthew Ely FGAA
Designer/Jeweller/Gemologist

Have you ever looked into your jewellery box and wondered what to do with all of your old jewellery?

Creating a new piece of jewellery using stones from an heirloom piece or remodelling your old jewellery is a great way to bring it back to life again and make it current. I have a few tips for you to keep in mind when you are looking into the process of having something remade.

Go For It

If you are going to go to the effort and expense of having something redesigned and remade, you need to truly love it. For example, if you are undecided about adding those extra diamonds around the band or whether or not to have that extra row, I would recommend going for it. Chances are you won't remake this piece again so be sure to do it once and do it well.

New Ideas

Sometimes the ideas that you may have for the re-design of your piece may not actually work well with what you have. That's why we're here! As designers and jewellers we can guide you and help you design your piece and will often ask you to try things on that you may have never thought of as inspiration. Generally our clients end up loving the new styles and



incorporating elements of it into their new creation.

Sentiment

Sometimes when re-designing a very sentimental piece, clients will be inclined to try and keep the design as close to the original one as possible. There is nothing wrong with this, sometimes a simple change of colour of the metal or tweak here or there can make the world of difference however sometimes the motivation behind this can be to try and 'honour' the memories of the original piece. My advice is to remember that using the stones from a loved piece of jewellery IS honouring it. Make sure that you love the new design and you will feel like you are paying homage to the memories.

Value

Quite often well-loved jewellery that has been handed down through the family has minimal paperwork or certificates and now is a great time to request for this to be done. It means you will also have all relevant documents to be able to have your new family heirloom insured to keep it safe. ♦

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Education Round Up

Yesteryear

Last August marked a special day for Year 7 History students with the annual MacKillop Ancient and Medieval Day.

The virtual trip back in time was made all the more entertaining due to the incredible array of costumes created by the students, who paraded with confidence in front of their fellow time travellers, staff and parents.

The quality of the costumes and associated props was impressive with the highest scores going to students who showed that they had conducted appropriate research and had worked hard to make their own creations.

The students were given the opportunity to try on some authentic replica armaments, test out a little medieval weaponry and enjoy a feast of generous medieval proportions!

They also had the chance to participate in a range of craft activities from candle making, calligraphy, and the creation of a sachet of fragrant petals to ward off the plague!

Following on the history theme, organisation is well underway for next year's History Tour of Europe.

It will be the fifth that MacKillop College has organised and will depart Australia on Tuesday 28 June 2016 (the anniversary of the assassination of Franz Ferdinand in 1914) and return on Wednesday 13 July 2016.

They will be visiting sites in France, Belgium, Germany and Austria that are related to the First World War, the era of Nazi Germany and the Second World War.

It is open to all students with an interest in history in Years 10, 11 and 12.

For those considering enrolling your daughter at MacKillop College in 2016, avoid disappointment and contact the Registrar now for an information and enrolment pack as places are limited and filling quickly.

Book Week

The students of Hazelbrook Public School enjoyed a one-of-a-kind experience when renowned illustrator and children's author, Louis Shea, interrupted his busy schedule to show them how a picture book is put together and to talk about the exciting world of graphic design and publishing.

In a unique project especially provided by Blue Mountains City Library to celebrate Book Week 2015, Louis, whose published work spans ten years and over 20 titles, spent an entire week at the school offering students from all classes insights into the mysteries of illustration and inspiring them to recognise that drawing, writing and creating could hold exciting possibilities for them.

A Library Spokesperson said, "Louis showed the students how to build pictures in layers, using his state-of-the-art graphic tablet to create stories with images and how to infuse the drawings with touches of humour and genius.

He even gave them an exclusive sneak-peak at his not-yet-published work in progress: an epic tale of fruit versus veggies which is set in a magical edible landscape."



The annual MacKillop Ancient and Medieval Day.



Book Week

The students were entranced by seeing Louis take an idea and turn it into a clever illustration before their eyes. Watch out for Louis' books in the Blue Mountains Libraries: The Bear Went Over the Mountain, There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Meerkat and many more.

Design Exhibition

Cullen Bullen Public School and Eskbank House and Museum have teamed up to present another Primary By Design Exhibition which will run from 3 to 20 September 2015 in the Courtyard Gallery of Eskbank House & Museum.

"Every year the Primary By Design Exhibition at Eskbank House presents us with an outstanding selection of art work by students in the Lithgow area," said Lithgow City Council Mayor Maree Statham. "It is a pleasure to have one of our smaller schools involved this year so congratulations to Cullen Bullen Public School for an unusual and innovative exhibition."

The students of Cullen Bullen Public School decided to take their art a little further than usual for this exhibition. After taking photos of their surroundings, they produced secondary art works by reinterpreting the images in other mediums. Their exhibition presents these artworks and showcases the pride they have in their community.

The exhibition will run from 3-20 September 2015 in the Courtyard Gallery of Eskbank House. There will be an official opening at 11.00am Friday 4 September with the community and family and friends of the artists invited to come along.

Every year the team at Eskbank House invites local primary schools to hold an exhibition of their art in the Courtyard Gallery. The project aims to give primary students an opportunity to put together a full exhibition and see it hung in a professional gallery.

Happy Birthday

Richmond High Celebrated its 60th Birthday by holding a Markets and open day. The overwhelming response by our community was impressive with many past students visiting on the day.

At the same time eight Year 11 students attended the Hawkesbury Youth Mental Health Forum 2015 at Windsor High School.

This forum was developed as a 'whole of community' approach which brings education providers, mental health service providers, community, local council and government together with young people to initiate some positive change to youth mental health issues across the Hawkesbury.

The forum was a positive way to promote wellbeing in our young people in schools and the broader community.

This will be achieved by empowering youth to change negative perceptions and develop positive ways to improve communication and understanding among their peers.

Throughout the day students engaged in a variety of activities that helped reduce the stigma associated with mental health issues. They had the opportunity to ask a panel of experts some questions and heard from a young lady who told her story of living with a mental health issue.

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Scholarships applications for entry to Years 4 to 11 in 2017 are now open in the following categories: Academic, Music and Boarding (General Excellence).

Registrations Close: 17 February 2016
Examination Date: 26 February 2016

Apply online www.kws.nsw.edu.au

For more information contact our Registrar, Michelle Pryse Jones
P: 6392 0300
E: mprysejones@kws.nsw.edu.au
www.kws.nsw.edu.au



Tuscon Revealed

The all-new Hyundai Tucson will be priced from \$27,990.

The model replaces the ix35 and features a larger interior front-wheel drive or all-wheel drive, four engines and three transmissions variations.

Significantly, Elite and Highlander models adopt a retuned version of Hyundai's 1.6T engine – the potent direct-injection turbocharged powerplant shared with its Veloster SR coupe stablemate.

That engine is matched to Hyundai's seven-speed dual-clutch transmission. ♦



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Baby Kia

Kia's baby Picanto is being prepared to join the Aussie family by early next year.

Expectation is that Picanto will be launched as a single specification 5-door model with the 1.2-litre engine coupled to a four-speed automatic.

Indicative price is \$14,990 which will allow Picanto to provide a starting-point introduction to the Kia family with logical steps to Rio, Cerato and Optima in the passenger car range.

The Picanto will benefit from a 7-year warranty with 7-year capped price servicing and 7-year roadside assist. ♦





Moving Along

Introducing the all-new Renault Trafic (that's right, spelt with one 'f') the mid-sized van — the one that slots in between the small Renault Kangoo and larger Renault Master. It is the latest release from Europe's No. 1 supplier of light commercial vehicles and available locally from Annlyn Renault in Penrith.

Trafic comes in two sizes; the standard wheelbase (SWB) and bigger long wheelbase (LWB). The difference, by the way, is an extra 400mm in both wheelbase and overall length for the LWB, which translates to an extra 0.8 cubic metres of space and a 37 kilogram payload increase.

Trafic also comes with the choice of two engine sizes. The entry-level R9M 408 is a 1.6 litre diesel with single turbocharger that develops 66 kilowatts at 3500rpm and 260 Newton metres of torque at 1500rpm which makes the higher spec R9M 450, with two turbochargers, 103 kilowatts and 340 Newton metres an absolute powerhouse – in purely relative terms, that is.

A roughly one third power and torque increase for a roughly one third improvement in performance. The single turbo van runs 0-100km/h in 15.9 seconds and the twin-turbo in 10.8 seconds (that's better acceleration than many road cars) without any increase in fuel or carbon dioxide output...that has got to be a bonus. Both vans are rated at 1235 kilograms so the extra power and torque will be appreciated.

The twin turbo models also feature automatic dusk sensing headlights, windscreen wipers and fog lights as well as reverse parking sensors and a rear view camera.

Also appreciated is the load box, not just for its capacity but also for its interior sizing.

In Trafic's case it is 1662mm at its widest point, dropping to 1268mm between wheel arches and kicking out to 1391mm at the door opening point (barn style rear doors, too, for ease of operation including getting a forklift in at load/unload time).

Door openings are generous; the side doors measure 907mm wide and 1284mm high and the rears 1391mm wide and 1320 high with a 552mm loading sill height.

The Trafic van has seating for three with the backrest of the middle seat folding to form a tray table/desk complete with clipboard holder and a universal mobile phone holder mounted high on the dashboard.

All this....and backed by Renault's 3 year warranty, 3 year roadside assist and capped price maintenance service for the first 3 scheduled services. Overall, this Trafic is a good thing with its gutsy engine, smooth operation and surprisingly good ride and handling characteristics. ♦

For more details call Annlyn Renault on 4722 9900.

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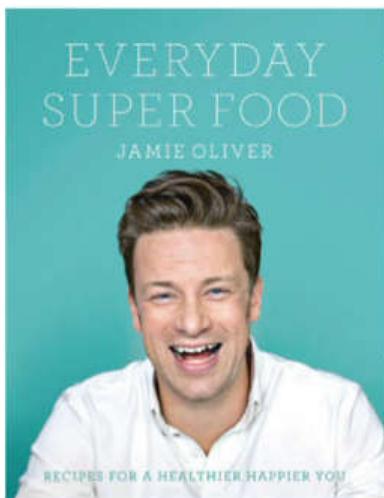


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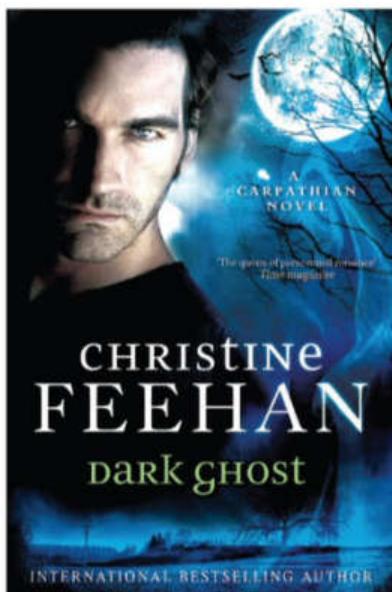
Great Reads



Everyday Super Food

By Jamie Oliver

Jamie's Everyday Super Food makes eating well exciting, delicious, easy and fun. No matter how busy you are, you'll find that healthy eating the Jamie way is both straightforward and achievable, making it super easy to choose exactly the kind of meals that suit you.



Dark Ghost

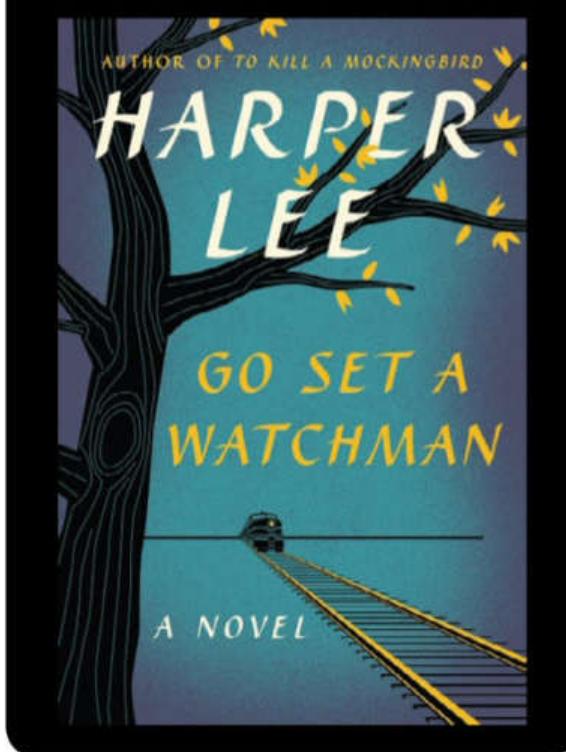
By Christine Feehan

In the new novel by the No.1 New York Times bestselling 'queen of paranormal romance' (J.R. Ward) a wounded warrior and a woman on the run find salvation, passion and unimaginable danger in the ghostly darkness of the Carpathian Mountains.

Go Set a Watchman

By Harper Lee

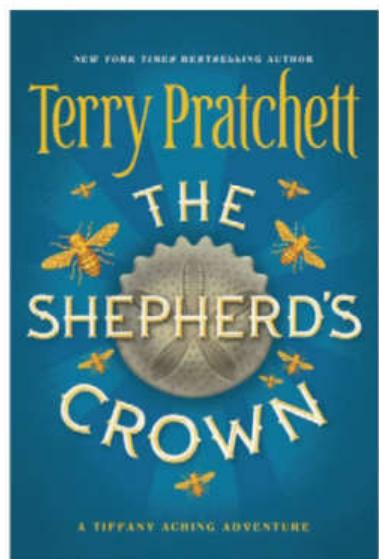
Go Set a Watchman features many of the characters from To Kill a Mockingbird some twenty years later. Returning home to Maycomb to visit her father, Jean Louise Finch—Scout—struggles with issues both personal and political, involving Atticus, society, and the small Alabama town that shaped her. Exploring how the characters from To Kill a Mockingbird are adjusting to the turbulent events transforming mid-1950s America, Go Set a Watchman casts a fascinating new light on Harper Lee's enduring classic. Moving, funny and compelling, it stands as a magnificent novel in its own right.



Yes Please

By Amy Poehler

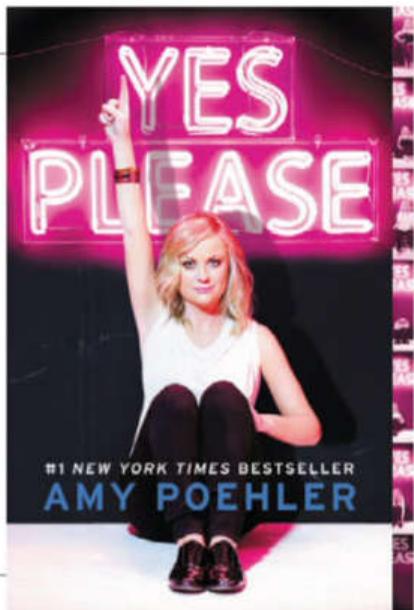
In her first book, one of our most beloved funny folk delivers a smart, pointed, and ultimately inspirational read. Full of the comedic skill that makes us all love Amy, Yes Please is a rich and varied collection of stories, lists, poetry (Plastic Surgery Haiku, to be specific), photographs, mantras and advice. With chapters like "Treat Your Career Like a Bad Boyfriend," "Plain Girl Versus the Demon" and "The Robots Will Kill Us All" Yes Please will make you think as much as it will make you laugh.



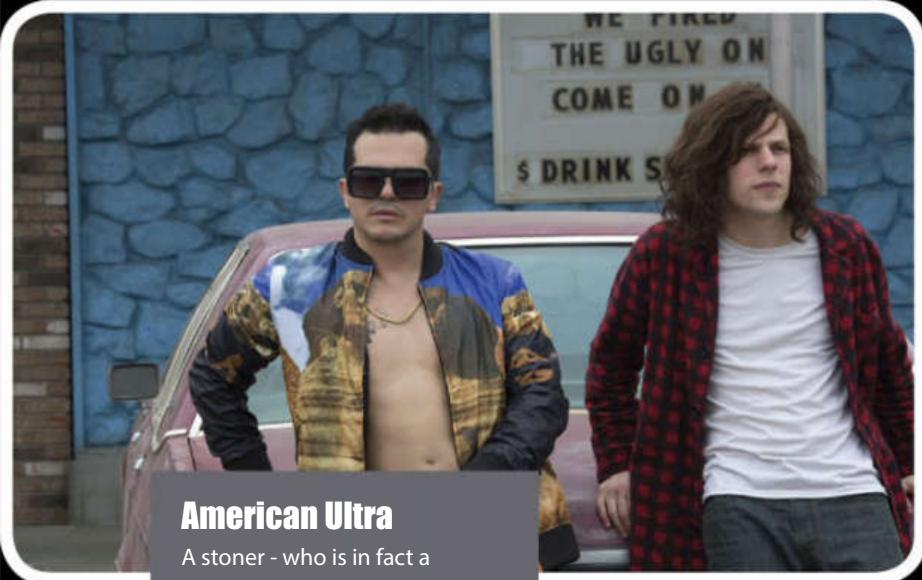
The Shepherd's Crown

By Terry Pratchett

Terry Pratchett's final Discworld novel, and the fifth to feature the witch Tiffany Aching. Deep in the Chalk, something is stirring. The owls and the foxes can sense it, and Tiffany Aching feels it in her boots. An old enemy is gathering strength. This is a time of endings and beginnings, old friends and new, a blurring of edges and a shifting of power. Now Tiffany stands between the light and the dark, the good and the bad. As the fairy horde prepares for invasion, Tiffany must summon all the witches to stand with her. To protect the land.



Film Preview



American Ultra

A stoner - who is in fact a government agent - is marked as a liability and targeted for extermination. But he's too well-trained and too high for them to handle.



Cut Snake

A pair of ex-cons hatch a scheme to burn down a nightclub in Brisbane.



Oddball

The true story about an eccentric chicken farmer (Shane Jacobson) who, with the help of his granddaughter, trains his mischievous dog Oddball to protect a wild penguin sanctuary from fox attacks and in the process tries to reunite his family and save their seaside town.



Miss You Already

The friendship between two life-long girlfriends is put to the test when one starts a family and the other falls ill.



The Last Witch Hunter

The last witch hunter is all that stands between humanity and the combined forces of the most horrifying witches in history.



Onstage

Sleeping Beauty - Russian National Ballet Theatre

Beautiful full length performances of two of the most cherished classical ballets of all time.

The Russian National Ballet Theatre commences a tour of full-length classical performances of Swan Lake and Sleeping Beauty in over 24 cities across Australia from September.

Dates: 1 October, 7.30pm

Venue: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre

Contact: 6333 6161

Date: 1st November, 7:30pm

Venue: Orange Civic Theatre

Contact: 6393 8111

Kinship - Bangarra Dance Theatre

Rekindling the Aboriginal culture of Australia, internationally acclaimed Bangarra Dance Theatre presents an original and breathtaking theatrical experience, Kinship by award-winning choreographer Stephen Page.

Kinship opens with Brolga, a creation story inspired by the totemic systems in Australian Aboriginal culture, where every person is assigned a totem related to their clan. Set in North East Arnhem Land, a young girl ventures out before sunset and finds herself on a brolga's feeding ground. As she is challenged by her totemic temptation, she takes us on a journey of exploring relationships between humans and creatures, reflecting on the intrinsic spirituality of the natural world.

Date: 4th November, 7:30pm

Venue: Orange Civic Theatre

Contact: 6393 8111

Kitty Flanagan - Seriously?

In this brand new show, Kitty gives you the inside scoop on gravediggers, cops, cubans and spaghetti. There's advice on how to speak to doctors, some funny music from Sister Penny plus a serious attempt to quantify one of life's biggest mysteries: "How much do old people love salt?"

Date: Friday 13th November, 8:00pm

Venue: Orange Civic Theatre

Contact: 6393 8111

Date: Thursday 12 November, 8.00pm

Venue: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre

Contact: 6333 6161

Sydney Blues and Roots Festival

The first band line up has been announced for this year's Sydney Blues and Roots Festival proudly sponsored by Hawkesbury City Council.

International and Australian artists will hit the stage at this year's Sydney Blues and Roots Festival and if the first announcement is anything to go by, this year's Festival will be one of the biggest yet. The Festival, to be held from 22 to 25 October in Windsor, will see a change to its format this year to make it easier for the local Hawkesbury community and visiting tourists to be part of the fun. Free events will be held in venues across Windsor featuring artists such as Harper & Mid West Kind, PJ O'Brien, Dream Boogie, Minnie Marks, Mike Elrlington, Chris Harland Band, Richard Person, Mick on Wheels, Little Georgia and The Mumma Jane's Band. Four headline acts will be performing at ticketed concerts at Windsor Function Centre. Catch Kevin Borich and international band Canned Heat on Saturday, 24 October and rock out with Foreday Riders and Russell



Morris on Sunday, 25 October. Early bird tickets are now on sale. More information about the bands playing at this year's Sydney Blues and Roots Festival, proudly sponsored by Hawkesbury City Council, can be found online at www.sydneybluesfestival.com.au

Date: October 22-25

Venue: Various Venues in Hawkesbury

Contact: www.sydneybluesfestival.com.au

Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes & Dirty Beasts

Think you know the stories of The Three Little Pigs, Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Snow White, Goldilocks and Jack and the Beanstalk? Think again! Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes & Dirty Beasts bursts off the page in a spectacular new live show, taking the world's best-loved fairy tales and rearranging them with some surprising and hilarious twists. Seriously funny and frighteningly silly, Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes & Dirty Beasts is the perfect family entertainment especially for children 5 to 105. The latest production from shake & stir theatre co is sure to delight and disgust in equal measures.

Date: 7th October, 6:30pm

Venue: Orange Civic Theatre

Contact: 6393 8111

Monty Python's Spamalot

Winner of three Tony Awards including Best Musical, Spamalot brings the cult 1975 film Monty Python and the Holy Grail to the stage in one of the most hilarious Broadway musicals of all time! This uproariously funny musical follows King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table on a jaunty quest to find the renowned relic. Featuring the iconic Monty Python tune Always Look on the Bright Side of Life, this side-splittingly hilarious show features an all-singing, all-dancing cast, as well as plenty of jokes about French people, cow-flinging, fish-slapping and more.

Dates:

Friday 16 October at 8pm

Saturday 17 October at 2pm & 8pm

Sunday 18 October at 5pm

Friday 23 October at 8pm

Saturday 24 October at 2pm & 8pm

Venue: Orange Civic Theatre

Contact: 6393 8111

Circus Oz 2015:

Following the 2014 premiere in Melbourne under the Big Top, an action-packed national tour including Palm Island, and a smash-hit international tour across America to Montreal, Circus Oz rockets into Bathurst with their show But Wait...There's More.

Audiences can expect an astonishing mix of stunt-jumping acrobatics,



cutting-edge juggling, virtuosic unicycling, elegant trapeze flying, the exciting Roue Cyr rim, cheeky impersonations, ridiculous knockabout and multi-skilled human physical exuberance, all accompanied by an original, rocking eclectic live band. Circus Oz was born in Melbourne, Australia in 1978. The company has celebrated over three and a half successful decades of international touring, and confirmed its place in the hearts of generations of Australians.

Dates: 7 October, 7.30pm

Venue: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre

Contact: 6333 6161

Dates: 10 October at 2pm & 7.30pm

Venue: Orange Civic Theatre

Contact: 6393 8111

Gil Sullivan in Concert

Join internationally renowned concert pianist Gil Sullivan for a concert of virtuoso solo piano performance celebrating the work of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Joined by the Bathurst Chamber Orchestra this concert marks the commencement of Mitchell Conservatorium performances as musicians-in-residence at BMEC's City Hall. Join us for the occasion!

Date: Saturday 3 October, 7.30pm

Venue: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre

Contact: 6333 6161

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Springtime Cleansing

The spring upon us its time to give yourself a quick detox and rebalance your body.

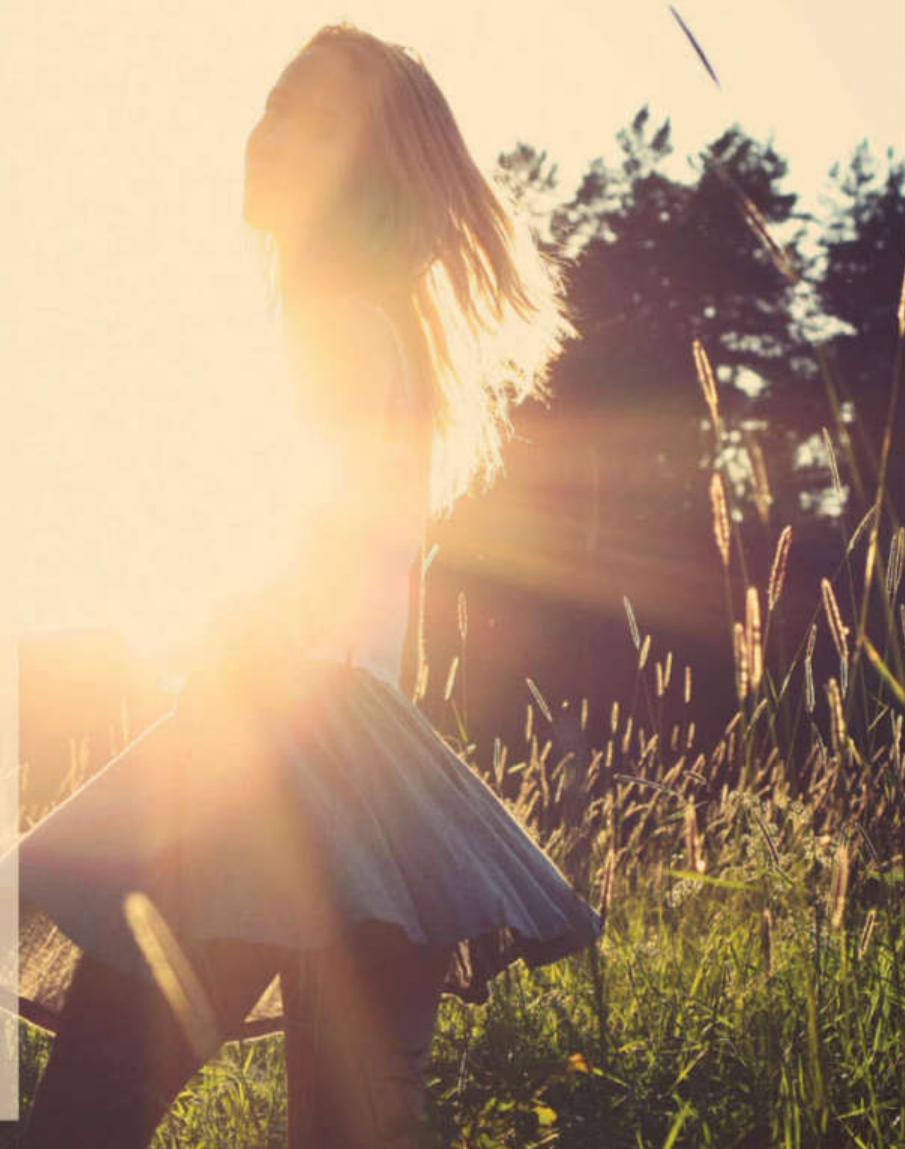
With spring time upon us, a detoxification or nutritional body cleanse can help rebalance the body by eliminating toxins and reducing excess acidity. Cleansing improves digestive function, immunity, concentration levels, skin condition, energy levels and hormone function.

Toxins are an unavoidable part of life. Our bodies are designed to neutralise these and remove them. However, sometimes our body's cleansing pathways are overburdened and subsequently under-perform. When this happens our bodies send out warning signals that all is not well, which may be anything from headaches to poor digestion or dull, lacklustre skin.

The liver is the body's chief cleansing organ, with the skin, intestines and kidneys playing a secondary role. Any health condition affecting these may affect the way the body cleanses. A detox can help to prevent or alleviate these conditions.

Some simple guidelines to follow during a cleanse are: eating a varied diet that includes plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables; avoiding large, rich meals; avoiding refined foods; caffeine, yeast products, gluten products, additives, food colourings, preservatives, pre-packaged foods; and drinking plenty of filtered water each day.

Leura Health Foods offers practitioner and simple detox plans and supplements to assist with cleansing that are tailored to your needs. Call them for a chat with one of their friendly staff today. ♦



ArtyBra & Tie

*ArtyBra 2016 is doing it for The Girls
and The Boys!*

Yes, we are doing it again – *ArtyBra Project®* 2016 is underway and now introducing '*ArtyTie*'! Blue Mountains Cancer Help is appealing to your creative spirit to decorate an *ArtyBra* or *ArtyTie* turn a bra or Tie into a joyous, decorative, fantastic, quirky work of Art. It can be wild, it can be pretty, it can be anything your imagination desires.

Whether you use feathers or frills, leather or lace, colourful or pastel paints, buttons, beads or bows, ribbons or cords, wire or wax, wonderful fabrics or other fancy stuff or a combination of them all.

Entries can be individual or a group *ArtyBra* or *ArtyTie*....*just do it.*

Register now!!

For more information and to obtain a registration form
go to www.cancerhelp.net.au or contact
Blue Mountains Cancer Help, Mon-Fri 10am-4pm (02) 4782 4866



Blue Mountains Cancer Help Inc.



Josophan's chocolate bra

ArtyBra

The ArtyBra & Tie Project is a fundraising initiative of Blue Mountains Cancer Help. People are asked to let their imagination run wild; to create, decorate and donate their ArtyBra or Ties to BMCH to be auctioned.

Prior to the auction event, the ArtyBra & Tie Collection will be exhibited at various venues in Penrith and Blue Mountains.

"ArtyBra & Tie is a special event," said BMCH President and Founder, Robyn Yates, "We're looking forward to our fourth ArtyBra Project and this year, introducing ArtyTie. The community really gets involved. We have fun along the way, and raise much needed funds for our support services."

BMCH is locally based to provide support for residents in the Blue Mountains and Penrith Valley communities who have been diagnosed with cancer, and is funded through its Op-Shops in Katoomba and Penrith, and by fundraising, bequests and donations. ♦

For more information and to obtain a registration form go to www.cancerhelp.net.au

Great Success

Remain in Light: Photography from the MCA Collections is a MCA Australia touring exhibition of over 70 artworks by Australian and international artists collected by the University of Sydney and the Museum of Contemporary Art during a period spanning more than 50 years. Key genres are explored including documentary photography, serial photography, performance photography and the manipulation of the photographic image. Artists include Julie Rrap, Ed Ruscha, Tracey Moffatt, Ricky Maynard, Rosemary Laing and Barbara Kruger. 1. Gallery volunteer Elaine Boyd with Windsor resident Lee Delaney. 2. Carol Roberts and Narelle Vance. 3. Curator, Elissa Blair with MCA Touring Exhibitions Manager Shinae Stowe and Senior Curator Natasha Bullock. 4. Gallery Assistant Ruth Maitlen and Director Diana Robson. 5. Art lovers Lyndal and John Fitzgibbon. 6. Gallery staffers Adrienne Richards and Prue Charlton. 7. Richmond residents Debra Coulson and Graeme.



Full Steam

The 40th Edgell Bathurst Jog saw local community groups and runners come out in force. The first jog (in 1976) attracted only 800 competitors yet over the years the total number of participants is in excess of 50,000. With the rise in awareness to health and fitness through exercise, the Edgell Jog is an enjoyable family fun outing.



Writers Festival

A large crowd of book lovers enjoyed the first Orange Reading and Writing Festival held at the Hotel Canobolas and supported by Central West Libraries and Arts NSW. Guest speakers included author and crossword creator David Astle, poet and author Judy Johnson (both Banjo Paterson Writing Award winners), local authors Lis Edwards, Michael Caulfield and Kim Kelly as well as Better Reading's Cheryl Akle.

1. Wendy Sissan and Gloria Maroney 2. Lesley Russell, Central West Libraries Manager Jan Richards and author Charlotte Calder 3. Patricia Bannatyne 4. Anne Hopwood, Genise Flynn and Margaret Williams 5. Author Kim Kelly and Better Reading's Cheryl Akle 6. Guest author and political reporter Latika Bourke 7. Author and poet Judy Johnson 8. Author and crossword creator David Astle



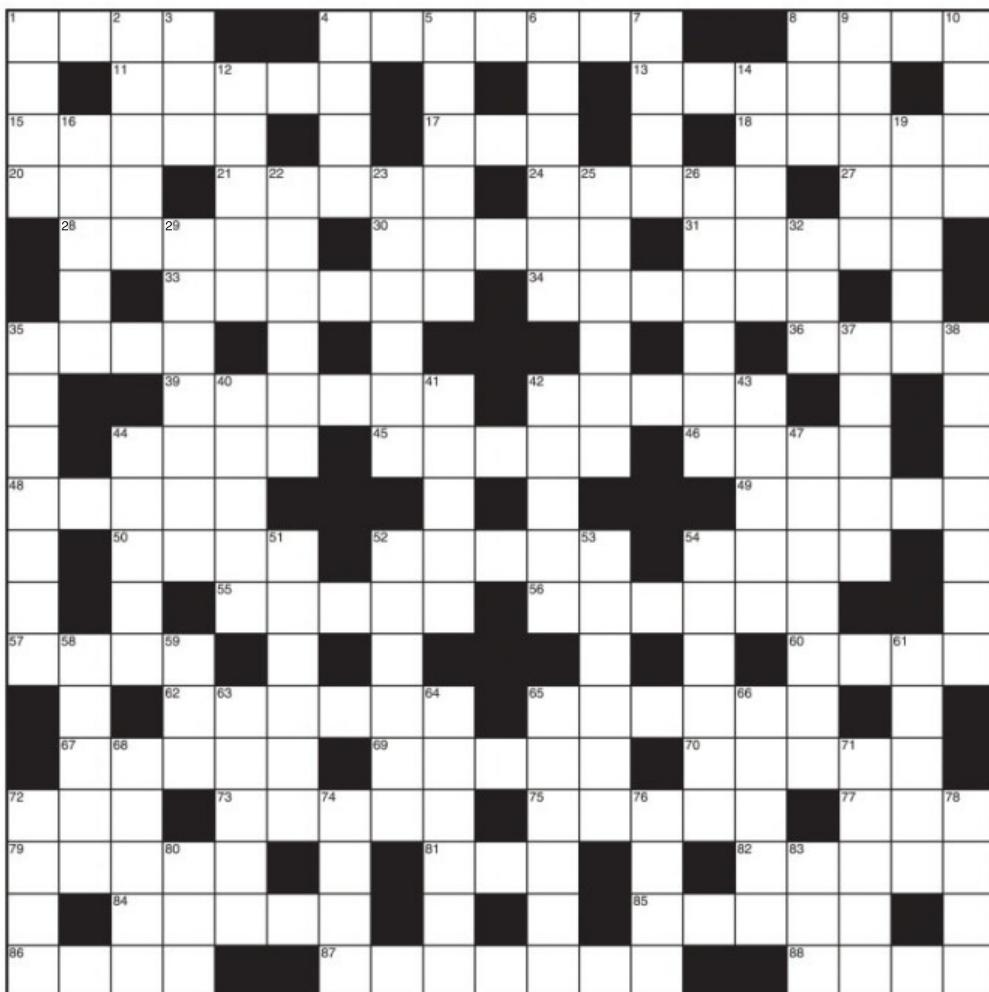
Wild About Waratahs

The Blue Mountains Botanic Garden played host to the Wild About Waratahs festival. Now in its 14th year, the festival is a showcase of the state's most spectacular waratahs. Visitors took in the stunning choice of colours – from deep red to softer pinks, striking white and sumptuous yellows. Festival highlights included a new protea display bed, kindly sponsored by Proteaflora; the New South Wales waratah growers' competition' spectacular floral displays created by the Gardens talented horticulturists, waratah walks, an exhibition by local nature artist Fiona Lumsden and fascinating workshops.

1. Judges Bettina Gollnow with Frank Allat from the Wildflower Industry Network NSW Inc who coordinates the competition with the Champion Bloom. 2. David and Ilse Matthews from Proteaflora the festival's main sponsor assist Bettina Gollnow with the judging. 3. Champion Bloom 2015 'Brimstone Starfire' grown by Gordon Meiklejohn. 4. Winner 'waratah in development' 'Brimstone Princess' grown by Gordon Meiklejohn. 5. Setting up for the Wild About Waratahs Festival. 6. Blue Mountains Botanic Garden horticulturalist Chris Crotty with one of his floral displays.



Crossword



Across

1. Kitchen professional
4. Protest sign
8. Roast
11. Diminish
13. Ancient Andes Indians
15. Conceded (goal) (3,2)
17. Money fold
18. French farewell
20. First woman
21. Flipped around, vice ...
24. Lazy person
27. Product promos
28. Satellite path
30. 'Laughing' scavenger
31. Bee wound
33. Mouth sores
34. Food retailer
35. Split apart
36. Young goats
39. Gluttonous
42. African striped beast
44. Skull
45. Cut (timber)
46. After that
48. Congeals (of blood)

49. Fencing swords

50. Serpents

52. Toss

54. Scalp growth

55. Yell

56. Raw vegetable dishes

57. Body lump, lymph ...

60. Spoken test

62. Ethnic bias

65. Oozed

67. Pursue stealthily

69. Control stick

70. Choose

72. Frangipani garland

73. Pale

75. Stage whisper

77. Use axe

79. Complete

81. Brown in sun

82. Angry look

84. Yellow citrus fruit

85. Reception area

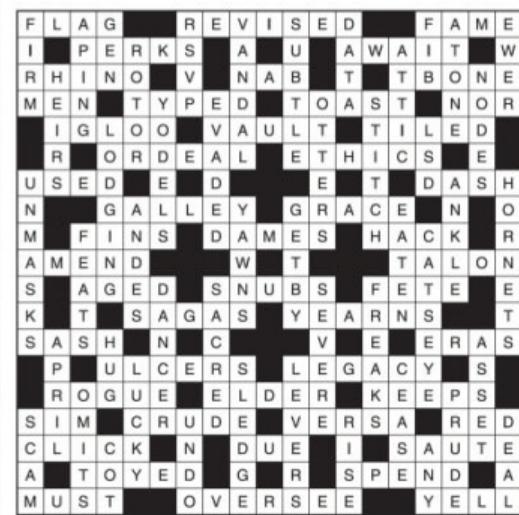
86. Fall (over)

87. Pancake day, Shrove ...

88. Premonition

Down

1. Nursery rhyme, Old King ...
2. Diner
3. The Feds (1,1,1)
4. Nobleman
5. For keeps
6. Lending a hand to
7. Clock face
8. Rotten
9. Korean or Thai
10. Large Australian birds
12. Smithy block
14. From menu, a la ...
16. Conjure up (memories)
19. Bordered
22. Engraved with acid
23. Destroys (papers)
25. Mended (socks)
26. Guide
29. Financial estimates
32. Rile
35. Long-tailed US mammal
37. Interior
38. Embark on voyage (3,4)
40. Grates
41. Pleasure boat
42. Noughts
43. Onward
44. Amass stock
47. Part of a serial
51. Huts
52. Scuffle
53. Thin biscuits
54. Chopped roughly
58. Start (of ailment)
59. Age
61. Showy flower
63. Sudden fear
64. Liqueur, creme de ...
65. Tended (towards)
66. Mourful poem
68. Name
71. Enchant
72. Lie in wait
74. Search (for)
76. Doubtful
78. Take (baby) off breast milk
80. Slippery fish
83. Zodiac lion



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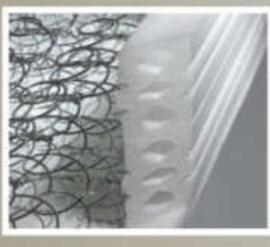
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